

Work Comp Connection



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Division of Workers Compensation:
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Division Encourages Use of ICD-10

On Oct. 1, 2015, the ICD-10 code sets will replace the ICD-9 code sets. ICD-10 is the 10th revision of the International Classification of Diseases (ICD). During this transition period, a number of health care insurance carriers have already begun using and/or recognizing the ICD-10 codes. Although not mandated by Kansas Workers Compensation, it is strongly recommended that ICD-10 be used for billing purposes on the CMS-1500 form, or an equivalent form containing the same information.



Announcing:
Public WiFi is now available in lobbies and hearing rooms in these regional offices:

- Garden City
- Lenexa
- Salina
- Topeka
- Wichita

DigiComp June 2015 Update

Within the [DigiComp](#) Planning Project, there are multiple tasks that must be completed in the preparation and implementation of the new information system. The first stage is called the “Current State Analysis,” where the current business practices are documented. The project team spent a number of hours working with management and staff in each unit to discover the current business flows of the Kansas Division of Workers Compensation.

Understanding the flow of business is key in discovering ways to make these processes easier and more efficient. This is the “Gap Analysis” portion of the project, where we identify the gaps between what we can do with our current system and what we need or want to be able to do in the new system. The gap analysis report will address both broader performance gaps in agency operations and also narrower system gaps. Performance gaps are challenges faced by the agency in conducting operations, many of which serve as the drivers for this project. The project team has researched ways to improve business processes and has developed some solutions that will be beneficial to both the division and our external customers.

There are a number of ways to make our division more efficient and effective with the implementation of the new database, including:

- Training – both before and during implementation
- Dashboards – a tool for employees and stakeholders when performing daily tasks
- Web Accounts vs. Email – how they differ
- Electronic Signatures – what they mean to the division
- Back Scanning of Dockets – a potential subproject

Watch for additional DigiComp information in future *Work Comp Connection* newsletters.





Who's Working for You?

Jassina (Jazz) Washington has worked at the Division of Workers Compensation for 15 years and recently accepted a position as Management Analyst in the Medical Services Section. Jazz began working in the Division as a Senior Administrative Specialist, where she assisted individuals seeking dispute-resolution to workers compensation-related issues by interpreting rules, regulations and procedures involved in the mediation and informal medical hearings process.

Washington was promoted to Ombudsman in 2011, where she assisted employees, employers attorneys, insurance carriers, health providers and others with workers compensation claims information and problems arising from related injuries and illnesses.

As Management Analyst, Jazz will assist constituents filing complaints and review disputed charges or services rendered by health care providers. She will help to revise the Medical Fee Schedule on a biennial basis to assure that the fee schedule is reasonable and promotes health care cost containment, yet ensures the availability of necessary treatment and care for injured employees. Her duties will also include working as a liaison between health care providers, attorneys, employers, employees and insurance carriers or self-insured businesses.

Washington is a graduate of Washburn University with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and a minor in sociology.

Meet Jazz in person at the 41st Annual Workers Compensation Seminar where she will be working as Medical Track Manager.



**Registration is open to attend the
2015 Workers Compensation Seminar at
www.dol.ks.gov/WorkComp/seminar.aspx.**

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Review of Kansas Workers Compensation Requirements

Explanations and information can be found in the following materials listed on the [Forms and Publications](#) Web page:

[K-WC 25](#) *Workers Compensation Information for Kansas Employers and Employees* – and the Spanish version, [K-WC 250](#) – both describe the purpose of the law, elections, employers' responsibilities, the categories of disability benefits, how rates are determined, how to obtain insurance, conditions that affect benefits, guidelines for medical treatments, ombudsman and mediation services and more.

[K-WC 27-A](#) *Important Information for Injured Employees* – and the Spanish version, [K-WC 270-A](#) – both apply only to injuries on or after April 25, 2013.

[K-WC 40-A](#) *Posting Notice - Workers Compensation Rights and Responsibilities* – applies only to injuries on or after April 25, 2013.

