

Work Comp Connection

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The Division will not mail Seminar reminder cards in 2015.

The dates are Sept. 29 & 30.

Be sure to keep your email address active. Send updates to WCSeminar@dol.ks.gov.

The Division's Digitization Project

The Division's digitization project now has a name – DigiComp – and will have a website within the next few weeks. This project will create a web-based system for interacting with the Division including electronic data interchange for claims and policy reporting, dispute workflows, document management, alternative dispute resolution processes and attorney electronic transactions and communications. Visit the DigiComp site for news, an overview, timelines and key staff involved.



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.

Coverage Verification Service Mobile Apps

Two versions of a Workers Compensation Coverage Verification Service mobile app have been released by the National Council on Compensation Insurance (NCCI). The NCCI mobile application, called "Workers Compensation Coverage Verification" (WCCV), interfaces with the Kansas Division of Workers Compensation's Coverage Verification Service. The apps are now available free through the Apple® Store for iPhones and iPads and the Google Store for Android© devices. See [Verify Coverage](#) for a link to a mobile app user guide.



Fast Facts

- Kansas Workers Compensation recommends that ICD-10 be employed for billing purposes on the CMS-1500 form, or an equivalent form containing the same information.
- The Division posts information on KDOL's Facebook page each Friday and as news develops. Follow us on www.facebook.com/KansasDOL. Catch up with us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/KansasDOL and re-tweet information to your friends.
- The [Current and Historic Benefit Levels](#) Web page lists maximum and minimum weekly amounts, the minimum weekly survivors benefit amount and the mileage reimbursement rates for July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015. The page includes tables of historic levels of benefits and mileage reimbursement rates and a link to the [K-WC 107 - Benefit Card](#) which also provides a table of current maximum benefits. The page also provides a link to [Calculations](#), the date program which allows you to calculate time between two dates or to calculate the addition of days to a known date, and the scheduled injury and whole body injury programs which allow you to compute the compensation benefits due to the claimant. Be sure to use the step-by-step instructions provided for each program.
- If you are a current Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) Trading Partner and would like to attend training in the Topeka or Overland Park area, contact Robert.Soria@dol.ks.gov. Be sure to monitor future issues of this publication to view dates and locations.
- Generally, an employer in a non-agricultural business with more than \$20,000 in non-family payroll must secure Workers Compensation benefits for their employees. An employer can secure Workers Compensation benefits in one of three ways: by purchasing a Workers Compensation insurance policy, by joining a group-funded Workers Compensation pool or by qualifying as a self-insurer.

Documenting Continuing Education

For some, it could be several years before you need to report documentation of education credit to maintain licensing or certification. The Division can reissue the documentation of past credits awarded at Workers Compensation Seminars for up to five years after the date you attended.

If you need documentation or have questions about continuing education, email WCSeminar@dol.ks.gov.



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- **EMPLOYER INFORMATION** – Find information about Kansas wage laws; wage claims; posters for your workplace; minimum wage; overtime; payroll deductions and requirements; holiday, vacation, sick and severance pay; and more at Workplace Laws and Requirements online at www.dol.ks.gov/Laws/Default.aspx.