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July DigiComp Update

In the June 2015 DigiComp Planning Project Update, we explained the gap analysis process and how it addresses both broader performance gaps in agency operations and also narrower system gaps. One way of addressing these gaps is to ensure that there is adequate training of all users of the new database.

As with any new system, there will be training internally and externally which will occur during and after implementation of the new database. The goal of the project team is to ensure that all users are able to comfortably transition to the new database.

A training plan will be developed to ensure a smooth transition. Please view the July update on the DigiComp Timeline (www.dol.ks.gov/WorkComp/DigiCompTimeline.aspx). Send questions to digicomp@dol.ks.gov.

If you want to learn more about DigiComp, join us at the [41st Annual Workers Compensation Seminar](#).



Online registration
for the 41st Annual
Workers Compensation Seminar
ends Sept. 16 at 4 p.m.

Registration will not
be available on site.

Fast Facts

- **Public WiFi** is available in lobbies and hearing rooms in all Kansas Workers Compensation regional offices.
- Find the [Latest News](#) about Workers Compensation online.
- **Report workers compensation fraud** at www.dol.ks.gov/WorkComp/fraud.aspx; email wcfraud@dol.ks.gov; phone 785-296-4000 (Opt.4) or call toll free 800-332-0353 (Opt. 3).
- **Oct. 1, 2015, the ICD-10 code sets will replace the ICD- 9.** Although not mandated by Kansas Workers Compensation, it is strongly recommended that ICD-10 be employed for billing purposes on the CMS-1500 form, or an equivalent form containing the same information.
- All **2016** seminar registrations will be entered and purchased online. The Division will introduce Automatic Check Handling.



Who's Working for You?

Justin Begaye joined the Division's Technology and Statistics Section in August 2015. Justin is a recent graduate of the University of Kansas with a Master of Public Administration degree. He also holds a Master's in Social Work from University of Missouri at Kansas City and a Bachelor's in Social Welfare from the University of Kansas.

Justin's previous work experience includes seven years as a Research Associate at Kansas University Medical Center, dealing with health disparities facing the Native American community.

Begaye will provide support for EDI Trading Partners and assist with EDI compliance, statistical analysis, ad hoc reporting and the DigiComp project.



Debra Hayes began working for the Appeals Board in August 2015 as their Administrative Specialist. She will provide general clerical work.

Debra has worked at the Department of Labor since November 2008, most recently in Unemployment Appeals.



**Downloadng of Seminar Handouts
opens at 8 a.m. September 17.**
**Use your Group ID number found on your
Confirmation or Notification of Registration
to access the site.**

Annual Assessments

The [Business and Self-insurance](#) unit within the Operations section of Workers Comp is responsible for the taxing function of levying assessments. An assessment is a tax levied by the Division every year on each insurance carrier writing workers' compensation insurance, self-insured employer and group-funded workers' compensation pools (similar to a group of smaller employers that collectively self insure) in Kansas. The revenue raised by the assessments funds the Division's operations, services and salaries.

The law allows the Division of Workers Compensation to levy up to three percent of any carrier, pool or self-insured's reported paid losses from the previous calendar year. Losses refer to any medical, indemnity benefits and other costs associated with workers' compensation claims. By March of each year, all reported losses are calculated and provided to the Director of Workers Compensation to calculate an exact assessment levy percentage and prepare a budget for the Division for the next fiscal year.

The Division provides the reported losses by the employer to the Kansas Insurance Department (KID). KID can also charge an annual assessment fee to these employers, as needed, to replenish the workers compensation fund, also known as the secondary-injury fund.

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**The Workers Compensation Seminar
Charity Golf Tournament**

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the seminar's website.**

