

Work Comp Connection



April 2015 Newsletter

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April and May Training for EDI Trading Partners

The Division's Technology and Stats Unit will conduct free training for existing Trading Partners on Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) Monday, April 13 in Topeka and Monday, May 18 in Bonner Springs, Kan.

The training will include an overview of documentation, technical versus business requirements, compliance, common errors and answers to frequently asked questions.

Electronic preregistration was sent to existing Trading Partners in February. If you are an existing trading partner and you did not receive an invitation to register please contact, Jessica Webb at Jessica.Webb@dol.ks.gov.



New Practice and Procedure Guide

A newly revised [Workers Compensation Practice and Procedure Guide](#) is now available online on our [Forms and Publications](#) page (see listing under the Hearings and Settlements heading) and Kansas Department of Labor's (KDOL) Publications page.

This edition of the Guide has been updated to reflect 2011 and 2013 changes in Kansas workers compensation laws and regulations. Several new topics have been added to the Guide, including local rules for three administrative law judges (Chapter 15). Also new is

a chapter (#39) on Appeals Board procedures, including guidelines for submitting briefs to the Board. Main and regional office locations are in Chapter 46, and a "Contact Us" staff directory is in Chapter 47.

Other changes include clarification in Chapter 40 (formerly Chapter 6) on the employer's responsibility for reporting accidents. Barring significant changes in the law and regulations in the next couple of years, this edition of the Guide will carry us into a new era when the fruits of the DigiComp planning project are borne on the Division's digitization tree.

Follow the DigiComp Digitization Project Progress @ www.dol.ks.gov/WorkComp/DigiComp.aspx



KanPay and 2015 Seminar Costs

For security purposes KDOL will use KanPay to process attendee credit card payments in 2015. A 2.5% service charge will be added to the total amount of purchase made by credit card beginning in 2015.

Seminar attendees will continue to receive a KanPay receipt of payment (which will reflect the 2.5% service charge) and a Seminar Registration Confirmation (if paying by credit card online) or a Notification of Registration (if paying by credit card and mailing registration).

The Seminar Registration Confirmation and the Notification of Registration will contain your Group ID needed to download handouts.

Costs will remain at \$160 for two-day registration and \$100 for single day.



Employer Services

The Employer Services unit can explain:

- Posting requirements
- Timely submissions of accident reports
- Election information
- Insurance requirements
- General compliance with WC laws and regulations and more



Download the *WC Information for Kansas Employers and Employees* (K-WC 25) booklet at www.dol.ks.gov/Files/PDF/kwc25.pdf. Send questions to WCEmployerServices@dol.ks.gov.

Other helpful forms can be found at www.dol.ks.gov/WorkComp/frmpub2.aspx.

Fast Facts

Annual Statistical Report: The Workers Compensation [40th Annual Statistical Report](#), for Fiscal Year 2014 is available on the Division's Forms and Publications page.

No Longer Accepting Accident Reports: K-WC 1101A - Accident Report is permanently removed from the website. The Division will no longer accept the form.

Continuing Education: Depending on your occupation, it could be several years before you need to report continuing education documentation for credit purposes. Certification documentation from past Workers Compensation Seminars can be reissued up to five years from the date attended. Contact WCSeminar@dol.ks.gov.

Seminar Funding: Annual Workers Compensation Seminars are funded by sponsor contribution and exhibitor and attendee fees. They are not supported by taxpayer dollars.

Non-Agricultural Business: 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.



2015 Seminar Topics

Employers, attorneys, nurses, certified case managers and others attending the 41st Annual Workers Compensation Seminar at the Overland Park Convention Center on Sept. 29 and 30 will discover a wide variety of topics being presented. This year's general session topics include:

- *Pain Management* presented by Dr. Steven Simon
- *The Affordable Care Act and Its Implication for Injured Workers* presented by Annemarie Pantazis
- *When is Coronary, Coronary Artery Disease or Cerebrovascular Compensable to Emergency Responders* presented by Jeff Cooper and Ron Laskowski,
- *Work Disability Thresholds* presented by Dr. David Hufford, Keith Mark and Ryan Weltz
- *Prevailing Factor*, presented by Dr. Pat Do, Nathan Burghart and Roger Fincher
- *Procedure and Local Rules* presented by Judges Pam Fuller, Ken Hursh, Gary Jones, Bruce Moore and Rebecca Sanders
- *Show Me the Evidence* presented by Dr. Chris Fevurly
- *The Work Comp Digitization Project (DigiComp)* presented by Matthew Bryant, David Sprick and WC Director Larry Karns.

Registration opens in July.

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