Work Comp Connection

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Kansas Department of Labor

Division of Workers Compensation:
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Administrative Staff Retirements

The following staff members will retire at the end of June:

Carol Cast - Carol began working at the Division as an Ombudsman in 1999 and was promoted to Coordinator of Employer Services in the Ombudsman Unit in 2002. Cast has worked as the Administrator of the Division's Public Resources Section and the Annual Workers Compensation Seminars for the past six years. She has presented workers compensation training at annual seminars, organizations and at insurance companies throughout her employment at the Division. Carol was 2015-2016 President of the National Association of Industrial Accident Boards and Commissions (IAIABC) Central States Association.

Anne Jinks (Haught) - Anne was Director of the Division of Workers Compensation from 2010 through 2013. She has worked as Manager of the Division's Medical Services Section since 2013. Anne has factored the fee schedule for the provision of medical services to injured workers and revised the fee schedule on a biennial basis to assure the fee schedule is reasonable and promotes health care cost containment. She has also administered a plan for health care services utilization and peer review, and helped to review disputed charges or services rendered by health care providers. Anne has worked at the Division since 2003.

Terry Tracy, MD - Dr. Tracy has worked as the Division's Medical Administrator since 1995. He has supervised the Schedule of Medical Fees and acted as a neutral party in conflicts between providers and carriers regarding appropriate medical treatment and reimbursement. Dr. Tracy was appointed as the first Medical Administrator for the Division. He is a Life Member of the American Medical Association, a Life Fellow in the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology and a Life Fellow in the American College of Surgeons. Dr. Tracy has retired from full-time employment, but has worked at the Division on a part-time basis.

We wish you all the best in retirement.

What's happening with DigiComp?

Find updates listed in the DigiComp Timelines.

What's happening at the Division?

Find the Latest News about web launches, notices to insurance providers, injured workers, employers and other information at the top of the Workers Compensation Website.

Be sure to keep your postal and e-mail address current.
Send updates to WCSeminar@dol.ks.gov.

Seminar Registration Opens in June

Registration for the *42nd Annual Workers Compensation Seminar* scheduled on Sept. 27 and 28 at the Overland Park Convention Center will open on our Website at www.dol.ks.gov/WorkComp/seminar.aspx on June 23. The cost of two-day registration is $160 and single day attendance is $100.

The Kansas Department of Labor will continue to use KanPay to process registration payments for security purposes. Automatic Check Handling (ACH) has been added to 2016 registration payment options and is recommended for savings on the cost of service charges. The cost of ACH service charge is $1.50. Credit card service charges will remain at 2.5%. We encourage you to register online and to use the ACH for overall savings.

If you prefer to pay by check, use the link titled, *Fillable Registration Form* found under the *Registration* header at www.dol.ks.gov/WorkComp/seminar.aspx. Complete and mail the fillable form along with your check to the address listed on the form. Hard copy registrations will mail on July 31.

Continuing education credits have been pre-arranged for Kansas and Missouri attorneys, Certified Case Managers and nurses licensed in Kansas. If you are licensed or certified in an occupation that is not listed and need proof of attendance to file for credits on your own, contact WCSeminar@dol.ks.gov for information and instructions. There are 720 minutes of education available.

Continuing Education is secured in the following occupations:

- **Kansas Attorneys -** This program has been approved by the Kansas Continuing Legal Education Commission for a maximum of 14.0 continuing legal education credits, including 2.0 hours of Ethics and Professionalism.

- **Missouri Attorneys -** This program has been approved by the Missouri Bar for up to 14.4 continuing legal education credits, including 2.4 hours of Professionalism Credit. Missouri attorneys are invited to complete an evaluation available at the continuing education table.

- **Certified Case Managers (Sept. 27, 2016) -** This program has been pre-approved by The Commission for Case Manager Certification to provide continuing education credit to CCM® board certified case managers. The course is approved for 6.0 CE contact hour(s). Activity Code: S00021322 Approval Number: 160002114.

- **Certified Case Managers (Sept. 28, 2016) -** This program has been pre-approved by The Commission for Case Manager Certification to provide continuing education credit to CCM® board certified case managers. The course is approved for 6.0 CE contact hour(s). Activity Code: S00021340 Approval Number: 160002132.

- **Kansas APRN, RN or LPN -** The Kansas Department of Labor, Division of Workers Compensation is approved as a provider of continuing nursing education by the Kansas State Board of Nursing. This course offering is approved for 14.4 contact hours applicable for APRN, RN or LPN relicensure. Kansas State Board of Nursing Provider Number: SP1403-0318.

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