

August 31, 2015

CIRCULAR LETTER TO ALL MEMBER COMPANIES

Re: Workers Compensation Insurance
2015 Loss Costs Filing

On August 28, 2015, a filing was submitted to the North Carolina Commissioner of Insurance proposing workers compensation insurance prospective advisory loss costs, rating values and miscellaneous values for policies becoming effective on and after April 1, 2016, applicable to new and renewal policies.

The filing proposes an average decrease of -10.2% from the loss costs approved effective April 1, 2015. By industry group, the changes are: Manufacturing, -9.4% decrease; Contracting, -12.0% decrease; Office & Clerical, -10.8% decrease; Goods & Services, -10.3% decrease; and Miscellaneous, -8.5% decrease. Within each industry group the change to a particular classification will vary from the average depending upon the volume and character of the particular classification experience.

For classifications with exposure under the United States Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act ("F" classifications), the filing proposes an average decrease of -1.0% in the advisory loss costs.

The prospective loss costs are based on historical data that have been developed and trended to their ultimate values and, except for loss adjustment expenses that are specifically authorized to be included in the loss costs by statute, include no provisions for expenses, dividends, profit or contingencies.

For this filing, the Bureau also included a proposed increase to the premium eligibility thresholds used for experience rating as well as elimination of several state special classification codes.

A copy of the filing is available to each member company through our website.

Sincerely,

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