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Organizational Name Changes

Business units renamed to accurately portray services

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The Workers' Compensation Commission (WCC) has voted Dec. 14, 2017 to adopt an updated organizational chart, and change the names of an internal division and a working group. The changes come in an effort to more accurately reflect to the public the actual services provided by the Commission.

The first of these improvements is changing the division name of Insurance Services to Permitting Services.

Chairman Liotta stated, "We regularly get calls about securing workers' compensation insurance coverage. The WCC does not issue, regulate or involve ourselves in any way with the purchase or selling of insurance."

He continued, "The newly named Permitting Services Division is a regulatory arm of the WCC. Among other regulatory functions, it analyzes applications for individual companies or groups who wish to self-insure, or offer third-party administration, and either issues or denies permits or certificates. We inherited the Insurance Services name from the previous Workers' Compensation Court, and it has been confusing to our customers to continue to refer to that division as Insurance Services."

The WCC was created as an administrative agency to replace the former Workers' Compensation Court.

Additionally, the working group previously known as "Form 3" will now be termed Case Commencement. Liotta reasoned, "Form 3 means nothing to the public. The Form 3 is just one vehicle for case commencement. This group processes all forms or initiatives through which a workers' compensation case is commenced. Their logical name is Case Commencement, and we have made that change."

Further, the Case Commencement group will no longer be managed by Permitting Services." Liotta explained, "There is no logical tie between Case Commencement and Permitting Services, that management association was a result of happenstance. They more logically belong under the management of Legal Operations, and we have made that change."

Anyone seeking confirmation of an employer's workers' compensation coverage, should contact the Case Commencement group.

The name changes and new organization chart became effective Dec 14; all modifications of website and email are slated to be accomplished by January 1. Phone numbers for affected personnel will remain the same, and the employees will continue to office in their current area. There is no appreciable cost expected from the name changes.

Things to Look for Following the Change.

The website, phones, and email will reflect the Division and Group's new names;

- Insurance Services will now be termed **Permitting Services**.
- Form 3 will now be termed **Case Commencement**.
- Applications for Own Risk, Third Party Administrators, Self-Insurance Groups, Municipalities, Additions to Groups, Reserve Distribution from Groups, Changes in Letters of Credit, and Certificates of Non-Coverage will continue to be processed by Permitting Services.
- Case Commencement will now be managed by Legal Operations.

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