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From the Chairman's Corner



Our Mission...

Thank you for following our progress here at the Oklahoma Workers' Compensation Commission.

As we bring on a new commissioner and a new administrative law judge, we are readying for the challenges before us.

We have a mission to provide service in the most reasonably efficient manner possible. It may not be colorful or exciting, but creative efficiency is our only real tool. With efficient management, data processing, scheduling,

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and adjudication we can maximize output while minimizing costs. This is what the taxpayer demands, and our stakeholders require.

To better execute our mission, we are pursuing two major efforts; the introduction of Electronic Data Interchange (EDI), and a new Case Management System (CMS).

By implementing EDI we can improve accuracy and reporting performance, enhance flexibility, and benefit from time and cost savings. These advantages and benefits will be shared by the Commission as well as those submitting EDI information.

With a new CMS, we can manage the docketing and processing of cases with modern simplicity, taking into account all filing and notice requirements electronically, while compiling data and statistics which can be of use to all stakeholders.

Through EDI and a CMS, we can advance from currently processing 69 different PAPER forms, to a completely paperless system, reducing materials and storage, and processing data more efficiently. We will be more user-friendly and reduce future labor needs by re-engaging current skilled staff.

These are advancements the private sector has accomplished over the last two decades; state government much catch up, and we are achieving that goal.

But efficiency must never be at the cost of due process. And that is the line we must walk; to provide the most cost-effective and transparent service, while ensuring the rights to due process of all parties, at all times, in every case.

We are cultivating the right staff, at the right strength to meet the need, while developing in-house future leaders. As a state agency we are in our infancy, but our first three years have shown successes. We have good people, and a good story to tell.

We need your help along the way. Your input is our only gauge of success, or failure. Let us know when we are wrong, tell us when we can do better.

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If your experience with us is good, tell our staff. If the news is bad, start with me.

Mark Liotta, Chairman



Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) Implementation Changes

By: Kim Bailey, Executive Director

After discussion with many of our trading partners, it has become clear, the Commission must delay the mandatory and voluntary reporting period start dates for Electronic Data Interchange (EDI), which are pending finalization. These date changes will provide the Commission's trading partners, who report to the Commission via EDI, the additional time necessary to submit test data prior to moving into production and allow the Commission to pursue necessary legislative changes to sections of its statute which do not accommodate EDI.

Due to the implementation delay, the Commission has the opportunity to utilize and implement the latest version of EDI, IAIABC Claims Release 3.1. The time frame for the change of these mandatory and voluntary implementation dates fall close in time with the ability to utilize the upgraded release. In addition, the Commission and its trading partners have a need for

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the enhancements available in Release 3.1. By implementing Release 3.1, the Commission will eliminate the need for an additional implementation upgrade in the future.

While the Commission's desire was to have EDI implemented as soon as possible, it had to step back and consider all the factors, determining the smoothest and least burdensome route for the transition to EDI. The Commission is excited about the opportunity to be a leading state in the implementation of the most recent version of EDI.

The Commission will distribute an announcement when a final determination has been made regarding the applicable reporting period start date. Updated information will continue to be available on the OKWCC EDI Claims Services Website <https://OKWCCedi.info>.



Emergency Rules Now in Effect

By: Lindsey Christopher, Commission Counsel

Pursuant to 85A O.S. §36, the Commission is responsible for issuing Certificates of Noncoverage for "sole proprietors" and "partners of a partnership" who elect not to be covered by the Administrative Workers' Compensation Act.

Because these terms are not defined by the Act, there is some question as to whether certain members of Limited Liability Companies (LLCs) are eligible to apply for a Certificate of Noncoverage. As a result, insurance companies and employers are subjected to unnecessary risks by contracting with LLCs. To avoid the increased risk of liability, general contractors have either refused to do business with LLC subcontractors or have required individual members of LLCs to obtain workers' compensation coverage when it would not otherwise be required.

In an effort to address these concerns, the Commission promulgated Emergency Rule 810:25-1-2, which became effective upon the Governor's

the judge's approval. If you have any questions, please contact Docket Supervisor, Valerie Rossiter at 405-522-3222.

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approval on September 12, 2017. The Emergency Rules defines the terms "Certification of noncoverage," "partner of a partnership," and "sole proprietor" to clarify the Commission's regulatory role and application of these terms when issuing Certificates of Noncoverage pursuant to 85A O.S. §36.

A copy of the Commission's Administrative Rules are available to view on the Commission's website at [https://www.ok.gov/wcc/About the Commission/Governing Documents/index.html](https://www.ok.gov/wcc/About%20the%20Commission/Governing%20Documents/index.html).

4th Annual Oklahoma Workers' Compensation Educational Conference Update

By: Scott Chance, Communications and
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Ryan L. Nelson, D.O.

We are quickly closing in to the start of our 4th Annual Oklahoma Workers' Compensation Educational Conference. The conference will provide great content geared toward both veterans of the workers' comp industry and those just beginning their career.

Registration is still available! To register, please visit https://pay.apps.ok.gov/triton/modules/registration/register.php?event_seq=106377&calendar_seq=169.

The conference is being held October 5th - 6th, 2017, at the Embassy Suites Hotel & Conference Center in Norman, OK.

Thank you to all of our sponsors, especially OSSO and HPI for being our reception sponsor. Our gold sponsors include McBride Orthopedic Hospital, Action Claims Administrators, and IWP.

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Please note there is an updated application located on the Commission's website,

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, under the Forms tab. The application is titled Form – SI Employer.

There is also an updated Form-7, Designation of Service Agent, on the same page, titled CC-Form 7.

Please begin using both of these updated forms.

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Additionally, thank you to Dr. Ryan Nelson for being our breakfast and break sponsor this year.

The conference is marketed towards legal, insurance, health care, and human resources professionals.

Scott Chance can be reached for questions about the conference at (405) 522-8606 or scott.chance@wcc.ok.gov

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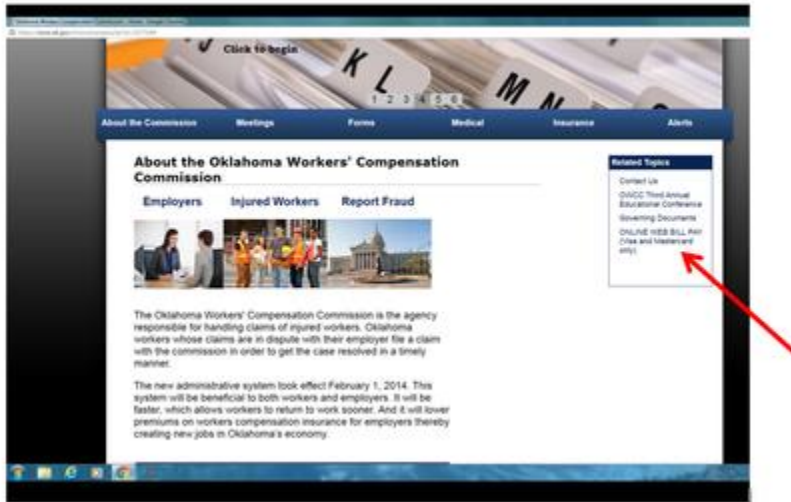
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Updated Handbooks Available!

Make sure you get your copy of the handbook, revised as of September 6th, 2017! Commission handbooks can still be purchased and will be available at our 4th Annual Oklahoma Workers' Compensation Educational Conference on October 5th and 6th, 2017.

The handbook contains a copy of Title 85A of the Oklahoma Statutes, along with the Commission's permanent rules, hearing conduct rules, disability benefit charts, maximum compensation rates, a summary of the Commission's forms, and crosswalks/disposition tables from the prior law to the current law.

They are available for \$45.00 each and can be purchased with cash, check or credit card at our OKC location or with cash or check at our Tulsa location. They can also be mailed; you will be responsible for shipping charges. Contact Purchasing@wcc.ok.gov for more information

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