



State of West Virginia Workers' Compensation Program

Quarterly Update – April 2017

The West Virginia Offices of the Insurance Commissioner is providing this quarterly update highlighting the status and key points of the SAWC workers' compensation program.

-  Effective July 1, 2017, the SAWC Program will transition from the current carrier to BrickStreet Insurance Company. Claims reporting training will be provided to agency contacts and/or their designees in June. Please watch your email for additional information relating to the carrier transition.
-  FY2018 premium invoices will be sent to agencies on June 8, 2017 with payments due by July 7, 2017. Please ensure your payment is remitted timely.
-  **SAVE THE DATE:** The annual SAWC Conference will be held on September 20, 2017. Further information will be forthcoming.
-  There have been many changes in agencies due to cabinet secretary appointments, new hires, employee turnover, etc. Please ensure you provide us with the most current contact person's name and email. This information is imperative to keep you apprised of the changes that will be occurring due to the carrier transition.
-  The SAWC contact information has changed. The new contact email address for policy and/or claim inquiries is OICSAWC@wv.gov.
-  As of April 1, 2017, the SAWC FY2017 policy had 921 claims for a total incurred cost of \$5,863,498. The most common accident type claims are strain injuries with 242 claims and a total incurred of \$1,668,056. The most expensive accident type claims are slips, trips and fall claims with 214 claims and a total incurred of \$1,672,485. The average number of days to report a claim to Zurich was approximately 8.5 days after the date of injury.

-  Please ensure that you provide a site code for each claim you report to Zurich. If you need your site codes by location, please contact us and we will provide the information immediately.

-  **Reminder:** Please report all claims within **24 hours** of notification but no later than 5 business days. Please encourage injured employees to use a provider within the managed care plan.

If you have any questions concerning your workers' compensation policy or if you would like information on how to reduce your workers' compensation claims and premium costs, please contact the SAWC Program Manager, Tom Judy, at 304-558-6279 ext. 1127 or via email at Thomas.G.Judy@wv.gov.