

Information for Group Rated Employers

CSI will be mailing Renewals and New Invitations for employers which qualify for a CSI sponsored Group Rating program on October 1st. The BWC has made changes to the group rating forms required for 2011 participation. All new and renewing clients are required to complete and return these forms in order to participate in the group program. If you have not received your Group Rating Renewal by Oct. 15th 2010, please contact our office.

What is Group Rating?

For employers wishing to control the cost of workers compensation claims in Ohio, group rating is often the answer. Group rating allows for employers with a better than average safety record to combine their individual claims and payrolls together with other employers in the same or like industry. The group is reviewed as if they are one large employer and can often achieve a lower premium rate than a smaller, individual employer could on their own. Employers can apply for group rating discounts by contacting the Compensation Solutions offices. Our staff will review the employer's experience and invite employers which are eligible to join the group.

Group rating discounts are good for one year after approval and employers must reapply every year. For more information about group rating or to determine if your company may be eligible, please call our offices.

BWC Will No Longer Mail Rate Letters

As part of the Bureau of Workers Compensation's ongoing effort to reduce costs, the BWC is no longer mailing rate letters to Ohio employers. Employers may, instead, view the electronic notification of their rates via the BWC website at www.ohiobwc.com. Employers must set up an E-Account to view this information.

Please note that this change is for rate letters only. Payroll reports will continue to be mailed as normal, unless you have elected to receive them electronically.

Dates to Remember

- Sept 30** EM Cap Application Deadline
- Sept 30** July DFSP Employers Accident Analysis, Safety Review (all levels) and Action Plan (Advanced Level only) due
- October 1** Group Renewals and Invitations Sent to Eligible Employers
- October 29** DFSP Training due for July 1 start date employers
- October 29** DFSP enrollment deadline for January 1 start date (private and public employers)

Drug Free Safety Program Deadlines Near

Private employers which did not enter into the new Drug Free Safety Program beginning in July, 2010, have another opportunity to apply for the program period starting January, 2010. Public employers are also able to enter into the DFSP during this time period. Applications must be completed and faxed into the BWC no later than October 29, 2010.

For those employers which entered into the DFSP for July, 2010, the deadlines for all components of the program is near. Accident Analysis training and Safety Reviews for all levels of participation and Action Plans for the Advanced Levels are due on September 30th. Employee and Supervisor training must be completed by October 29th.

Employers which need assistance in completing any component of the DFSP program should call our offices.



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