

THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION RATING AND INSPECTION BUREAU OF MASSACHUSETTS

101 ARCH STREET - 5TH FLOOR, BOSTON, MA 02110 VOICE: (617) 439-9030 FAX: (617) 439-6055

July 7, 1998

CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 1800

To All Members and Subscribers of the Bureau:

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS ASSESSMENT

The Department of Industrial Accidents has released the following official assessment rates to be applied to policies effective July 1, 1998 and thereafter.

Public Employers .128

Private Employers .054

These assessment rates are the result of an analysis of the financial needs of the Chapter 152, Section 65 funds for fiscal year 1999, and should be applied to the standard premiums, prior to the effects of any ARAP surcharge or deductible credit, of public and private policyholders, respectively.

Member carriers are reminded that under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 152 section 65, it is permissible for a *public* employer, which has a policy with a workers' compensation insurer, to chose not to fully participate in the Workers' Compensation Trust Fund.

The notice of non-participation must be filed with the Commissioner of the Department of Industrial Accidents by March 1st of any year in order to be effective as of July 1st of that year, and once properly filed and approved by the Department of Industrial Accidents, is irrevocable.

Prior to issuing any policy under the "Opt-Out" provision, carriers should confirm that the employer has been approved for non-participation. The DIA has provided us with a copy of the list of opt outs for fiscal year 1998 along with a number of additions to that list for fiscal year 1999. A copy of each of those lists is attached. Any questions should be directed to:

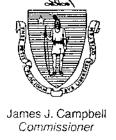
Ms. Joan Endres
Department of Industrial Accidents
600 Washington Street
Boston, MA 02111
(617) 727-4900 Ext. 232

The assessment rate for private self insured employers who have "Opted-Out" is .017. The assessment rate for public employers who have "Opted-Out" is .000 (zero). The assessment rates indicated at the beginning of this Circular will apply to the overwhelming majority of employers.

RALPH L. BOWDRIDGE Vice President

RLB/jd

Attachment



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Department of Industrial Accidents 600 Washington Street Boston, Mass. 02111

July 2, 1998

Howard Mahler Vice President and Actuary Massachusetts Rating Bureau 101 Arch Street, 5th Floor Boston, Ma 02110

Dear Mr. Mahler;

Please accept as confirmed the following Insured Assessment Rates:

Private

.054

Private-Opt Out .017

Public

.128

If I can be of any further assistance, please call me at (617) 727-4900 ext. 380.

Sincerely,

Vincent J. Luca Sr. \

Director of Administration

APPROVED NON-PARTICIPATION: \$65, C. 152

FYI/File

CITY	Attleboro Beverly Cambridge Chelsea Chicopee	Fall River Haverhill Holyoke Lowell Marlborough	New Bedford Quincy Somerville Springfield *Taunton	Westfield *Woburn Worcester
TOWN	Amherst Arlington Barnstable Bellingham Boxborough Braintree Concord	Danvers Dedham Framingham Franklin Hingham Hull Lexington	Marion Methuen Middleborough Needham *Norfolk Norwood Reading	Scituate Somerset South Hadley Stow Sudbury *Weymouth

County *Worcester

AUTHORITY/OTHER

P.E.R.A.

M.I.I.A.

Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Steamship Authority

MA Education & Gov't Assn Workers' Compensation Trust

MA National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO)

Boston Water and Sewer Commission

PRIVATES

Harvard Community Health Sturdy Memorial Hospital Deaconess Hospital

Unicco

Market Basket Inc.

DeMoulas

Stop & Shop Companies, Inc.

Purity

Morton International

Armstrong

The Gillette Company

St. Johnsbury

Cape Cod Hospital

Yellow Freight Systems, Inc.

Norwood Hospital

MA Retail Merchants' Workers' Compensation Trust

The Flatley Company

Federal Express

Boston College

"» New England Medical Center Hospitals

Salem Hospital

DuPont Merck Pharmaceutical Company

E.I. duPont de Remours & Company

Freudenberg Nonwovens Limited Partnership

Roche Bros. Supermarkets, Inc.

Affiliated Publications, Inc.

MA High Technology Self-Insurance Group

Sisters of Providence Health System

Holyoke-Chicopee Area Health Resources, Inc.

Baystate Health Systems 1870 45

3\ Star Markets Company, Inc.

* Effective FY98

FY'99 OPTOUTS

PUBLIC

TOWN OF MARBLEHEAD TOWN OF STOUGHTON

COUNTY OF ESSEX
COUNTY OF HAMPSHIRE
COUNTY OF NORFOLK
COUNTY OF PLYMOUTH

MASS. TURNPIKE AUTHORITY MASS. PORT AUTHORITY

PRIVATE SELF-INSURED

BRITTANY DYFING & PRINTING CORP. SHAW'S SUPERMARKETS

PRIVATE SELF-INSURED GROUP

SELF-INSURED LUMBER BUSINESSES ASSOC.