



April 1, 2016

**CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 2278**

**To All Members and Subscribers of the WCRIBMA:**

**MASSACHUSETTS WORKERS' COMPENSATION ASSIGNED  
RISK POOL PLAN OF OPERATIONS  
FEDERAL EMPLOYER'S LIABILITY ACT COVERAGE**

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The Commissioner of Insurance has approved the WCRIBMA's filing which recommended a change to the Massachusetts Workers' Compensation Assigned Risk Pool Plan of Operations that restricted the availability of Federal Employer's Liability Act (FELA) coverage to the voluntary market.

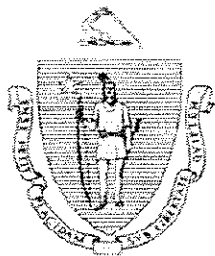
**Effective 12:01 A.M., July 1, 2016, applicable to new and renewal policies,** Massachusetts workers' compensation residual market policies will no longer be able to be endorsed to provide FELA coverage.

Attached is a copy of the Division of Insurance's approval letter. Revised Massachusetts manual rate pages will be available on our website at [www.wcribma.org](http://www.wcribma.org).

Please contact me at 617-646-7594 or [dcrowley@wcribma.org](mailto:dcrowley@wcribma.org) if you have any questions.

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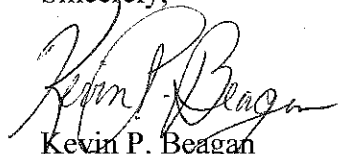
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Dear Mr. Crowley,

I am writing to inform you of the Division's approval of the revisions, requested by your letter of March 22, 2016, to both the *Massachusetts Workers' Compensation Assigned Risk Pool Plan of Operations* and Appendix F (the "premium algorithm") of the *Massachusetts Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability Insurance Manual* that were discussed pursuant to the recent hearing at the Division regarding Admiralty and Federal Employers' Liability Act classifications and rates. In accordance with your request and consonant with the date of the stipulated changes to the above-mentioned rates and classifications, the revisions approved pursuant to this letter shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

Thank you for your work on this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Kevin P. Beagan  
Deputy Commissioner and  
Director, State Rating Bureau