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**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, 1997 and thereafter.

Public Employers	.118
Private Employers	.040

These assessment rates are the result of an analysis of the financial needs of the Chapter 152, Section 65 funds for fiscal year 1998, 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. A list of approved public employers and approved public and private self insured employers 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 .013 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.

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Vice President

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Attachment

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

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

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  
Star Markets Company, Inc.

\* Effective FY98