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CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 1721

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, 1995 and thereafter.

Public Employers .095

Private Employers .038

These assessment rates are the result of an analysis of the financial needs of the Chapter 152, Section 65 funds for fiscal year 1995, 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 it is permissible for an 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 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 employers who have "Opted-Out" is .014 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 who have not elected the "Opt-Out" provision of Massachusetts statute.

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Vice President

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Attachment
APPROVED NON-PARTICIPATION: G65, C. 152

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CITY  *Attleboro  Beverly  Cambridge  Chicopee  Fall River
       Haverhill  Holyoke  Lowell  Marlborough  New Bedford  Quincy  Somerville  Springfield  Westfield  Worcester

TOWN  Amherst  Arlington  Barnstable  Bellingham  Boxborough  Danvers  Dedham  Framingham
       Franklin  Hingham  *Hull  Lexington  Marion  Methuen  Middleborough  Needham  Norwood  Reading  *Scituate  Somerset  South Hadley  Stow

PRIVATES

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)

* Effective FY96