



**THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION
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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, 1996 and thereafter.

Public Employers	.077
Private Employers	.042

These assessment rates are the result of an analysis of the financial needs of the Chapter 152, Section 65 funds for fiscal year 1997, 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.

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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 .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.

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Vice President

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Attachment

APPROVED NON-PARTICIPATION: §65, C. 152
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CITY	Attleboro Beverly Cambridge *Chelsea Chicopee	Fall River Haverhill Holyoke Lowell Marlborough	New Bedford Quincy Somerville Springfield Westfield	Worcester
TOWN	Amherst Arlington Barnstable Bellingham Boxborough *Concord Danvers	Dedham Framingham Franklin Hingham Hull Lexington Marion	Methuen Middleborough Needham Norwood Reading Scituate Somerset	South Hadley Stow *Sudbury

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 FY97