CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 1823

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, 1999 and thereafter.

Public Employers

Private Employers

These assessment rates are the result of an analysis of the financial needs of the Chapter 152, Section 65 funds for fiscal year 2000, and should be applied to the standard premiums of public and private policyholders, respectively.

Carriers are reminded that these assessment rates are to be applied prior to the effects of any company deviations, ARAP Surcharge, or deductible credit.

Carriers are further 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  
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The assessment rate for private self insured employers who have "Opted-Out" is . 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  

Attachment

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PUBLIC

Town
Amherst
Arlington
Barnstable
Bellingham
Boxborough
Concord
Danvers
Dedham
Framingham
Franklin
Hingham
Hull
Lexington
Winchester

City
Marblehead
Marion
Methuen
Middleborough
Needham
Norwood
Reading
Scituate
Somerset
South Hadley
Stow
Sudbury
Stoughton
Newton
Quincy
Somerville
Springfield
Westfield
Worcester

Mass. Turnpike Authority
Mass. Port Authority

PRIVATE SELF-INSURED GROUP
Self-Insured Lumber Businesses Assoc.

PRIVATE SELF-INSURED
Chronicle Publishing Company
Brittany Dyeing & Printing Corp.
Shaw's Supermarkets

AUTHORITY/OTHER
P.E.R.A.
M.I.I.A.
Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard & Nantucket Steamship Authority
MA Education & Gov't Assn. WC Trust
MA Nat'l Assoc. Of Housing & Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO)
Boston Water Sewer Commission

PRIVATE
Harvard Community Health
Unisco
Stop & Shop Companies, Inc.
Armstrong
Cape Code Hospital
MA Retail Merchants' WC Trust
Boston College
DuPont Merck Pharmaceutical Co.
Freudenberg Nonwoven's Ltd.
Affiliated Publications, Inc.
Holyoke-Chicopee Area Hlth Resources, Inc.
Baystate Hlth Sys.

Sturdy Memorial Hospital
Market Basket Inc.
Purity
The Gillette Company
Yellow Freight Systems, Inc.
The Flatley Company
N.E.M.C. Hospitals
E.I. DuPont De Remours & Company

Deaconess Hospital
DeMoulas
Morton International
St. Johnsbury
Norwood Hospital
Federal Express
Salem Hospital
Roche Bros. Supermarkets, Inc.
Sisters of Providence Hlth Sys.