



**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, 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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OPTOUTS AS OF FY'2000

PUBLIC

Town

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

Marblehead
Marion
Methuen
Middleborough
Needham
Norwood
Reading
Scituate
Somerset
South Hadley
Stow
Sudbury
Stoughton

City

Attleboro
Beverly
Brockton
Cambridge
Chelsea
Chicopee
Fall River
Haverhill
Holyoke
Lawrence
Lowell
Lynn
Marlborough
New Bedford

Newton
Quincy
Somerville
Springfield
Westfield
Worcester

COUNTY

Bristol
Essex
Hampshire
Norfolk
Plymouth

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	Sturdy Memorial Hospital	Deaconess Hospital
Unicco	Market Basket Inc.	DeMoulas
Stop & Shop Companies, Inc.	Purity	Morton International
Armstrong	The Gillette Company	St. Johnsbury
Cape Code Hospital	Yellow Freight Systems, Inc.	Norwood Hospital
MA Retail Merchants' WC Trust	The Flatley Company	Federal Express
Boston College	N.E.M.C. Hospitals	Salem Hospital
DuPont Merck Pharmaceutical Co.	E.I. DuPont De Remours & Company	
Freudenberg Nonwovens Ltd. Partnership		Roche Bros. Supermarkets, Inc.
Affiliated Publications, Inc.	MA High Tech. Self-Insure Group	Sisters of Providence Hlth Sys.
Holyoke-Chicopee Area Hlth Resources, Inc.		
Baystate Hlth Sys.	Star Markets Company, Inc.	