



**THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION
RATING AND INSPECTION BUREAU**

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To All Members and Subscribers of the Bureau:

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS ASSESSMENT

The Department of Industrial Accidents (DIA) has released the following official assessment rates to be applied to policies effective July 1, 2005 and thereafter.

Public Employers **.044**

Private Employers **.044**

These assessment rates are the result of the DIA's analysis of the financial needs of the Chapter 152, Section 65 funds for fiscal year 2006, 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, scheduled credits, ARAP Surcharge, or deductible credits.

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 choose 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. The DIA has provided us with a copy of its list of public entity and private self-insured opt-outs for fiscal year 2005. A copy of which is attached. Any questions should be directed to:

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The assessment rate for private self-insured employers who have "Opted-Out" is .011. 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 – Customer Services

Attachment

PUBLIC OPT-OUTS

| OPT OUT PUBLIC ENTITIES | | | | | |
|-------------------------|-------------|--------|---------------|--------|--------------------------------------|
| DATE | CITIES | DATE | TOWNS | DATE | COUNTIES |
| 7/1/95 | ATTLEBORO | 7/1/92 | AMHERST | 7/1/99 | BRISTOL |
| 7/1/92 | BEVERLY | 7/1/92 | ARLINGTON | 7/1/98 | ESSEX |
| 7/1/02 | BOSTON | 7/1/92 | BARNSTABLE | 7/1/98 | HAMPSHIRE |
| 7/1/99 | BROCKTON | 7/1/92 | BELLINGHAM | 7/1/98 | NORFOLK |
| 7/1/92 | CAMBRIDGE | 7/1/92 | BOXBOROUGH | 7/1/98 | PLYMOUTH |
| 7/1/96 | CHELSEA | 7/1/96 | BRAINTREE | 7/1/97 | WORCESTER |
| 7/1/95 | CHICOPEE | 7/1/00 | BROOKLINE | | |
| 7/1/92 | FALL RIVER | 7/1/96 | CONCORD | | |
| 7/1/01 | FITCHBURG | 7/1/93 | DANVERS | | |
| 7/1/03 | GLOUCESTER | 7/1/92 | DEDHAM | | |
| 7/1/92 | HAVERHILL | 7/1/92 | FRAMINGHAM | | |
| 7/1/92 | HOLYOKE | 7/1/92 | FRANKLIN | | OTHERS |
| 7/1/99 | LAWRENCE | 7/1/92 | HINGHAM | | |
| 7/1/93 | LOWELL | 7/1/95 | HULL | | |
| 7/1/99 | LYNN | 7/1/92 | LEXINGTON | 7/1/98 | MASS. TURNPIKE AUTHORITY |
| 7/1/03 | MALDEN | 7/1/96 | MARBLEHEAD | | |
| 7/1/92 | MARLBOROUGH | 7/1/92 | MARION | 7/1/98 | MASS. PORT AUTHORITY |
| 7/1/03 | MEDFORD | 7/1/92 | METHUEN | | |
| 7/1/04 | MELROSE | 7/1/92 | MIDDLEBOROUGH | 7/1/92 | P.E.R.A. |
| 7/1/92 | NEW BEDFORD | 7/1/00 | NATICK | 7/1/92 | M.I.A. |
| 7/1/99 | NEWTON | 7/1/92 | NEEDHAM | 7/1/92 | WOODS HOLE, MARTHA'S VINEYARD & |
| 7/1/03 | PEABODY | 7/1/97 | NORFOLK | 7/1/92 | NANTUCKET STEAMSHIP AUTHORITY |
| 7/1/99 | PITTSFIELD | 7/1/92 | NORWOOD | 7/1/92 | MA EDUCATION & GOVT ASSN W.C. TRUST. |
| 7/1/03 | REVERE | 7/1/05 | OAK BLUFFS | 7/1/96 | BOSTON WATER & SEWER COMMISSION |
| 7/1/92 | QUINCY | 7/1/92 | READING | | |
| 7/1/03 | SALEM | 7/1/95 | SCITUATE | | |
| 7/1/92 | SOMERVILLE | 7/1/92 | SOMERSET | | |
| 7/1/92 | SPRINGFIELD | 7/1/98 | STOUGHTON | | |
| 7/1/97 | TAUNTON | 7/1/92 | SOUTH HADLEY | | |
| 7/1/00 | WALTHAM | 7/1/92 | STOW | | |
| 7/1/92 | WESTFIELD | 7/1/96 | SUDBURY | | |
| 7/1/97 | WOBURN | 7/1/97 | WEYMOUTH | | |
| 7/1/92 | WORCESTER | 7/1/99 | WINCHESTER | | |

OPT-OUT SELF-INSURED CO'S AND GROUPS

| DATE | COMPANIES |
|--------|------------------------------|
| 7/1/92 | HARVARD COMMUNITY HEALTH |
| 7/1/92 | STURDY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL |
| 7/1/92 | DEACONESS HOSPITAL |
| 7/1/92 | UNICCO |
| 7/1/92 | MARKET BASKET, INC. |
| 7/1/92 | DEMOULAS |
| 7/1/92 | STOP & SHOP COMPANIES |
| 7/1/92 | PURITY |
| 7/1/92 | MORTON INTERNATIONAL |
| 7/1/92 | ARMSTRONG |
| 7/1/92 | GILLETTE COMPANY |
| 7/1/92 | ST. JOHNSBURY |
| 7/1/92 | CAPE COD HOSPITAL |
| 7/1/92 | YELLOW FREIGHT SYSTEMS |
| 7/1/92 | NORWOOD HOSPITAL |
| 7/1/92 | FLATELY COMPANY |
| 7/1/92 | FEDERAL EXPRESS |
| 7/1/92 | BOSTON COLLEGE |
| 7/1/92 | NEW ENGLAND MEDICAL CENTER |
| 7/1/92 | SALEM HOSPITAL |
| 7/1/94 | DUPONT MERCK PHARMACEUTICAL |
| 7/1/94 | E.I. DUPONT DE REMOURS |
| 7/1/94 | FREUDENBERG NONWOVENS |
| 7/1/94 | ROCHE BROS |
| 7/1/94 | AFFILIATED PUBLICATIONS |
| 7/1/96 | SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE HEALTH |
| 7/1/96 | HOLYOKE-CHICOPEE AREA HEALTH |
| 7/1/96 | BAYSTATE HEALTH |
| 7/1/96 | STAR MARKETS |
| 7/1/98 | BRITTANY DYEING & PRINTING |
| 7/1/98 | SHAWS |
| 7/1/99 | CHRONICLE PUBLISHING |
| 7/1/99 | DOOLEY DICKINSON HOSPITAL |
| 7/1/01 | AEROVOX, INC. |

(VALLEY HEALTH)

| DATE | COMPANIES |
|--------|-----------------------------|
| 7/1/03 | PARTNERS HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS |
| 7/1/03 | WINCHESTER HOSPITAL |
| 7/1/03 | BROCKTON HOSPITAL |
| 7/1/04 | NEWTON WELLESLEY HOSPITAL |
| 7/1/04 | BOSTON MEDICAL CENTER |
| 7/1/05 | SOUTH COAST HEALTH SYSTEM |

| DATE | GROUPS |
|--------|-----------------------------------|
| 7/1/92 | MASS RETAIL MERCHANT WORKERS |
| 7/1/96 | MASS HIGH TECHNOLOGY S.I. GROUP |
| 7/1/98 | SELF-INSURED LUMBER BUSINESS |
| 7/1/05 | MASS. HEALTHCARE S.I. GROUP |
| 7/1/05 | MASS CARE S.I. GROUP |
| 7/1/05 | MASS. MANUFACTURING S.I. GROUP. |
| 7/1/05 | MASS. TRADE S.I. GROUP. |
| 7/1/05 | AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRIES COMP. CORP. |