

January 13, 2023

CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 2412

To All Members and Subscribers of the WCRIBMA:

NOTICE OF HEARING

On December 23, 2022 the Workers' Compensation Rating and Inspection Bureau of Massachusetts, on behalf of its members, made a Rate Filing recommending a 4.0% decrease in average rates. Attached is a Notice of Hearing from the Commissioner of Insurance, The Honorable Gary D. Anderson, advising that a Hearing on the Rate Filing will be held at 11:30 A.M., on Friday, February 3, 2023. The meeting will be held virtually, see the attached notice for information on how to participate.

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Attachment



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Docket No. R2022-02

Workers' Compensation Rating and Inspection Bureau of Massachusetts
Workers' Compensation Insurance Rate Filing

NOTICE OF HEARING

In accordance with the authority granted to the Commissioner of Insurance ("Commissioner") under M.G. L. c. 152, §53A, a virtual hearing will be held at 11:30 a.m. on February 3, 2023 to consider the request of the Workers' Compensation Rating and Inspection Bureau of Massachusetts ("WCRIB"), an unincorporated association licensed as a rating organization pursuant to M.G.L. c. 152 §52C, for a general revision of workers' compensation insurance risks and premiums. The WCRIB is requesting a statewide average rate decrease of 4.0 percent and an effective date of July 1, 2023.

The hearing will be conducted virtually using TEAMS, a digital meeting program. The purpose of the hearing is to afford all interested persons an opportunity to provide evidence and testimony relating to the proposed workers' compensation classifications, risks and rates so that the Commissioner can determine whether the proposed classifications and rates are excessive, inadequate, or unfairly discriminatory for the risks to which they apply and whether they fall within a range of reasonableness. The proposed rates and supporting documentation that the WCRIB filed on December 23, 2022 are available for inspection in electronic form through the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Interchange File System ("Interchange System"). To review the WCRIB filing, send a request for access to the Division of Insurance Docket Clerk at doidocket.mailbox@mass.gov. Requestors will then receive a link to the Interchange System. This proceeding is designated as Docket No. R2022-02.

Any person who wishes to participate as an Interested Party in this virtual hearing must submit electronically to doidocket.mailbox@mass.gov a timely petition that complies with the requirements for participation set forth in 211 CMR 110.05 (3). Any person requesting to comment orally or submit written statements at the virtual hearing must submit a Notice of Intent to Comment to doidocket.mailbox@mass.gov no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 1, 2023. Any person who intends to reference written data at the hearing must submit such data electronically through doidocket.mailbox@mass.gov no later than January 30, 2023. Any person requesting solely to attend the February 3 hearing must submit a request to doidocket.mailbox@mass.gov no later than 12:00 p.m. on February 2, 2023.

All notices or requests must include the person's name, telephone number and email address. An email with instructions for joining the hearing will be sent on the afternoon of February 2, 2023. Any person who wishes to comment in writing but not to attend the hearing may send a statement by electronic mail to doidocket.mailbox@mass.gov. All notices and written statements must refer to DOI Docket No. R2022-02.

A prehearing conference to address scheduling and other matters will take place on February 3, 2023 immediately following the public comment hearing. All intervenors must attend.

Dated: January 11, 2023

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Anderson", written in a cursive style.

Gary D. Anderson
Commissioner of Insurance