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**CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 2446**

**To All Members and Subscribers of the WCRIBMA:**

**IMPORTANT FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR  
WORKERS' COMPENSATION RATE DEVIATION FILINGS  
THAT ARE CURRENTLY IN EFFECT**

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As you were informed in WCRIBMA's May 16th Circular Letter 2445, the Commissioner has disapproved the WCRIBMA's filing for rates that would have been effective 7/1/2025; rates and rating factors will not change. The Division of Insurance has now communicated to the WCRIBMA that, because there will be no 7/1/2025 revision of rates, there will be no automatic termination of carriers' currently approved deviations or schedule rating plans. Deviations will not expire until there is a rate change. The next rate filing is anticipated to be made in 2026 with rates to be effective July 1, 2027. However, per the statute the Commissioner has discretion to order a rate filing at any time.

However, should any carriers wish to modify their approved deviations or schedule rating plans, or if carriers wish to newly apply for deviations or schedule rating, they should refer to the DOI checklist for filing guidance:

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/workers-compensation-rates-deviations-schedule-credits-large-deductibles-sig-audits-installments-pdf-0/download>

Any questions regarding these guidelines should be directed to Bash Abubakare, [bashiru.abubakare@mass.gov](mailto:bashiru.abubakare@mass.gov), or Caleb Huntington, [caleb.huntington@mass.gov](mailto:caleb.huntington@mass.gov), at the Division of Insurance.

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