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To All Members and Subscribers of the WCRIBMA:

**PAYROLL DETERMINATION FOR SOLE PROPRIETORS, PARTNERS OF LEGAL
PARTNERSHIPS & MEMBERS OF AN LLC**

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025
APPLICABLE TO NEW AND RENEWAL BUSINESS**

The Basis of Premium for sole proprietors, partners of a legal partnership, and members of an LLC who elect to become employees and obtain workers' compensation insurance coverage is a function of the State Average Weekly Wage (SAWW) and is calculated as follows:

Step 1: Initial Value = $70\% \times \text{SAWW} \times 52 \text{ weeks}$

Step 2: Basis of Premium equals the Initial Value rounded to the nearest \$100.

Effective October 1, 2025, the SAWW in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is \$1,922.48. Consequently, the Basis of Premium for sole proprietors, partners of a legal partnership, and members of an LLC who elect to become employees and obtain workers' compensation insurance coverage is **\$70,000**.

This change only affects new and renewal business effective on or after October 1, 2025.

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