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BULLETIN

Docket No. INS No. 07-086-AB

TO: All Workers' Compensation Insurers

FROM: Roger Sevigny

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DATE: December 3, 2007

RE: Workers' Compensation Advisory Loss Costs and Rating Values
NCCI Filing Effective January 1, 2008

The State of New Hampshire Insurance Department has approved the National Council on Compensation Insurance's Advisory Loss Cost and Rating Values filing dated September 18, 2007 to be effective January 1, 2008.

The approved voluntary loss cost change is a decrease of 2.8% on average. The average approved change for assigned risk rates is a decrease of 3.0%.

In line with our July 1, 1995 directive, all companies writing Workers' Compensation coverage in the State of New Hampshire are required to adopt and use NCCI's WC Advisory Loss Cost and Rating Values effective January 1, 2008. There are two elements of the NCCI filing that, this year, will possibly require additional filing activity on the part of insurers:

1. The residual market loss cost multiplier for 2008 will be 1.611.

NH statutes RSA 412:28 and 412:29 were revised in 2005. Insurers can file, and once approved, use broad based loss cost multipliers greater than the loss cost multiplier approved for the residual market. Approval is contingent on the submission of appropriate justification along with a completed Form RFF-1, Prospective Loss Costs Reference Filing Adoption Form.

The Department reminds insurers that the provisions of RSA 412:30 must be followed. Insureds receiving a premium quote that is higher than that which would be derived from the rates and rating plan approved for the assigned risk plan, shall be made aware that coverage may be obtained at a lower premium through the assigned risk plan.

2. The maximum minimum premium has been changed from \$900 to \$1,000 under the assigned risk plan.

The formula for determining minimum premiums has been revised along with a change in the maximum minimum premium from \$900 to \$1,000. Before changing to a higher maximum minimum premium, insurers will have to submit a filing to the Department reflecting desired changes to their Miscellaneous Values Page.

Any filings **received** during January 2008 pertaining to either of these items may be retroactively applied to reflect an effective date of January 1, 2008.

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