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Worker's Compensation Insurance Letter

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To: Claims Handling Offices for Insurance Carriers and Self Insured Employers
From: BJ Dernbach, Division Administrator
Subject: Administrative Rule Changes Effective November 1, 2015

Purpose: Inform claims handling offices of changes to the Wisconsin Administrative Code, Chapter DWD 80, relating to Worker's Compensation that became effective November 1, 2015.

Background: Changes to Chapter DWD 80 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code became effective on November 1, 2015. A plain language summary is enclosed with this letter.

It is especially important to note a few changes that may have significant impacts.

Wisconsin Administrative Code s. DWD 80.02 (2) (e) (intro), 1, 2 and 4 clarifies that WC insurance carriers and self-insured employers are required to report on a WKC-13 whenever salary is continued in lieu of compensation.

Section DWD 80.02 (2) (e) 5 was created to require a WC insurance carrier or self-insured employer that changes its third party administrator on an open claim with 26 weeks or more of temporary disability or permanent total disability to submit an updated supplemental report WKC-13 to the new third party administrator.

Section DWD 80.02 (2) (k) was created to require WC insurance carriers and self-insured employers to file an annual report of permanent total disability payments and supplemental benefits by June 30th of each year using the Annual Report of Permanent Total Disability Payments Made, WKC-17876. This form can be found at:
http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/dwd/forms/wkc/wkc_17876_e.htm

Section DWD 80.73 (3) (a) 5 requires that WC insurance carriers and self-insured employers provide a copy of the reviewing doctor's supporting medical documentation to health care providers when providing notice that treatment is denied as unnecessary.

The current version of DWD 80, with additions/changes effective November 1, 2015, can be found here:
http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin_code/dwd/080_081

Action Requested: Refer to <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/wc/councils/wcac/> for a complete summary of the changes and text of the rule changes, and review these changes with your staff members.

Inquiries: Contact the Worker's Compensation Division at (608) 266-1340 if you have any questions about the rule changes.

Enclosure: Plain Language Summary of Administrative Rule changes.