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To: Persons Interested in Workers’ Compensation Issues

From: Steve Nichols, Manager, Workers’ Compensation Services

Re: Public Hearing on Revised Workers’ Compensation Classification Relativities

Insurance Commissioner Kent Sullivan will hold a public hearing on January 25, 2018, to consider the recommendation by Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) staff to revise the workers’ compensation classification relativities. TDI staff have proposed reducing the overall level by 15% from the July 1, 2017 level effective July 1, 2018.

The public hearing will be held at the William P. Hobby Jr. State Office Building, 333 Guadalupe Street, Room 100, in Austin from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

According to TDI’s staff recommendation, reducing the overall level of relativities by 15% would result in a net overall decrease of 35% since 2011, roughly the overall decrease in loss costs for that same period.

Commissioner Sullivan has requested that written comments in response to the staff recommendation be submitted by January 16, 2018, for consideration before the hearing. TDI will continue to accept comments until 5 p.m., February 1, 2018.

The notice of public hearing is available here.

TDI’s staff recommendation can be found here.

Information about the classification relativities can be found on the TDI website.