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To: Persons Interested in Workers’ Compensation Issues

From: Steve Nichols, Manager, Workers’ Compensation Services

Re: TDI Adopts Revised Workers’ Compensation Classification Relativities; Rate Filing Required

The Commissioner of Insurance has issued Commissioner's Order No. 2018-5427, dated March 13, 2018, adopting revised Texas workers' compensation classification relativities. The order decreased the classification relativities by an average of 15 percent overall from the July 1, 2017, level. The change for any given classification is between -36.3 percent and 6.3 percent.

Exhibit A of the order sets out the revised classification relativities and can be viewed here.

Commissioner’s Bulletin # B-0004-18 was issued March 14, 2018 to remind insurers that Insurance Code § 2053.003 requires each insurer to file with TDI all rates, supplementary rating information, and reasonable and pertinent supporting information for risks written in this state.

The bulletin included notice to insurers currently writing workers' compensation insurance and who plan to continue writing that coverage on or after July 1, 2018, that they must submit a rate filing no later than June 1, 2018. The rate filing must contain the information specified in the Summary of Actions Required by Insurers 2018. See the bulletin for additional information and TDI’s Notice of Carrier Intent that must be submitted with the filing.