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Circular Letter 08-1540

RE: Increase in Maximum Duration for Temporary Total Benefits to 130 Weeks

The Minnesota Department of Commerce has approved the captioned item effective October 1, 2008.

The purpose for the above filing item is to update the *Minnesota Statistical Plan Manual* based on an increase in the maximum duration for temporary total disability benefits to 130 weeks due to the recent amendment to MN Statute 176.101, Sub. 1.

The attached exhibit illustrates the necessary changes to the *Minnesota Statistical Plan Manual*.

Please direct any questions you may have regarding this filing item to MWCIA's Actuarial Services Department at 952.897.1737 (Option 3) or via email at actuarial@mwcia.org.

EXHIBIT I

Minnesota Statistical Plan Manual Effective October 1, 2008

Current Manual Language	Proposed Manual Language
SECTION ONE — THE REPORTING OF INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYER EXPERIENCE	SECTION ONE — THE REPORTING OF INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYER EXPERIENCE
PART IV — REPORTING INSTRUCTIONS—LOSSES	PART IV — REPORTING INSTRUCTIONS—LOSSES
7. Injury Type	7. Injury Type
F. Permanent Partial – Code 09. A permanent partial loss is defined as:	F. Permanent Partial – Code 09. A permanent partial loss is defined as:
1. Any permanent injury that does not involve permanent total disability.	1. Any permanent injury that does not involve permanent total disability.
2. Any temporary injury that satisfies any one of the following criteria:	2. Any temporary injury that satisfies any one of the following criteria:
a. The duration of disability benefits exceeds or is expected to exceed one full year. No loss is to be reported as temporary total if the duration of total disability exceeds or is expected to exceed 52 weeks.	a. The duration of disability benefits exceeds or is expected to exceed one full year. No loss is to be reported as temporary total if the duration of total disability exceeds or is expected to exceed 130 weeks.
b. A lump sum settlement is made or, in the judgment of the carrier, will be required to settle future benefits.	b. A lump sum settlement is made or, in the judgment of the carrier, will be required to settle future benefits.
c. The extent of the liability for future payments cannot be determined. The amount entered as incurred indemnity shall include specific benefits and compensation for temporary disability as well as loss of earning capacity.	c. The extent of the liability for future payments cannot be determined. The amount entered as incurred indemnity shall include specific benefits and compensation for temporary disability as well as loss of earning capacity.