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Circular Letter 18-1727

RE: Reminder of Carriers' Obligation to Report Wage Continuation Payments

The Minnesota Workers' Compensation Insurers Association, Inc. (MWCIA) wishes to remind carriers of their obligation to report wage loss benefits under the Unit Statistical Plan when an employer elects to directly pay wages to an injured worker under Minnesota Statutes, Section 176.221, subd. 9, which govern an employer's payment of full wages to an injured employee.

When a carrier pays wage loss and/or medical benefits to an injured worker, those payments are required to be reported under the Unit Statistical Plan and become part of the experience rating for that employer. This allows the Experience Rating Plan to accurately reflect the experience of that employer, and to correctly measure that employer's experience relative to other employers with similar work classification exposures.

For additional information we would refer you to Circular Letter No. 11-1604, dated December 14, 2011, which provides guidance to carriers on this matter. This circular letter is located here.

Please direct any questions you may have concerning this item to MWCIA's Underwriting Department at 952-897-1737, Option 1, or email to underwriting@mwcia.org.