

NEW WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIM FORM (DWC1) NOTICE OF POTENTIAL OF ELIGIBILITY & POSTING NOTICE

The Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) has revised the Workers' Compensation Claim Form (DWC1) and Notice of Potential Eligibility as well as the Posting Notice ("Notice to Employees"). The new forms takes effect January 1, 2016.

DWC1 AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL ELIGIBILITY

The revisions to the DWC 1 and Notice of Potential Eligibility are as follows:

- Added information regarding the Independent Medical Review (IMR) and Qualified Medical Examination (QME) process.
- Added additional information regarding the Medical Provider Network (MPN) and switching to new primary treating physicians.
- Modification to the Return to Work paragraph, which advises the injured worker of the importance of returning to work.
- Added information regarding resolving disputes and the ability to get State Disability Insurance or Unemployment benefits.
- Added an option for the injured worker to receive benefit notices via e-mail, otherwise benefit notices will be mailed.
- Added information explaining how to learn more about Workers' Compensation and accessing the guidebook for injured workers.

POSTING NOTICE ("NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES")

The revisions to the Posting Notice are as follows:

- Added the MPN website
- Added the MPN ID number

The Division of Workers' Compensation also modified the benefit notices. These modifications are effective January 1, 2016. The new benefit notice eliminates the need to provide injured workers with factsheets and QME forms. Instead, the injured worker can access this information through the DWC website. Employers are required to include this link in the benefit notice. The injured workers can now elect to receive benefit notices via e-mail instead of regular mail.

Due to the high demand for the new claim forms, our supply of claim forms will not be available until approximately end of January.

Both the DWC 1/Notice of Potential Eligibility as well as the Posting Notice (“Notice to Employees”) are currently available, in English and Spanish, through P&C Bridge and on the Keenan website.

For more information regarding the new forms, please contact your Claims Analyst or Dara Overholt at doverholt@keenand.com or 310.212.0363 ext. 3730.

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