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RE: **MWCIA AREA CODE CHANGING TO 952**

Change is good – especially if it's the kind that jingles! Nonetheless, Minnesota is about to experience another change of its area code system. As a result, the offices of the Minnesota Workers' Compensation Insurers Association will be reassigned to area code 952 effective February 27, 2000.

U.S. West is requesting our assistance to help spread the word about the new area codes as a public service to our industry. Basically, the Minneapolis metropolitan region formerly assigned to area code 612 will be split into three area codes: 612, 763, and 952. Minneapolis, Richfield, St. Anthony, and the Fort Snelling area will retain the original 612 area code. The boundary line separating the 763 area code from the 952 area code roughly uses I-394 as its dividing line. Suburbs north of I-394, therefore, will be reassigned to area code 763 and suburbs south of I-394 will be reassigned to area code 952. Since MWCIA is technically located in the Edina/Bloomington area, our phone number is changing to **952.897.1737**.

Although the above change becomes effective on February 27th, U.S. West will continue to convert calls using the old area code until January 14, 2001. Citizens and businesses will want to 'practice' using the new area codes, however, starting February 27, 2000. Additionally, those affected by a new area code will want to get started changing all their hardcopy and electronic references to the old area code as soon as possible.

We hope you find the above information useful. If you are uncertain if the area code for your location is changing or would like additional information, please try one of the following web sites: www.mnta.org or www.uswest.com/areacodes.

Very truly yours,

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