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December 12, 2014

ALL ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

Circular Letter No. 14-1664

RE: 4-1-2015 Assigned Risk Rates

Deputy Commerce Commissioner Vande Hey issued a rate order on December 3, 2014 approving a 2.9% decrease in the average Assigned Risk premium level effective April 1, 2015. The following is an excerpt from the Deputy Commissioner's Order:

"ORDERED

- 1. That effective April 1, 2015, the Minnesota Workers' Compensation Assigned Risk Plan will use a pure premium multiplier of 2.75 to be applied uniformly to the pure premium base rates of the 2015 Minnesota Ratemaking Report of the Minnesota Workers' Compensation Insurers Association.
- 2. That the expense constant on each policy will be \$190.
- 3. That the policyholder surcharge for the Special Compensation Fund (SCF) assessments shall be 2.8% of premium.
- 4. That the policyholder surcharge for the Workers' Compensation Reinsurance Association (WCRA) Deficiency Assessment is no longer applicable.
- 5. That the policyholder surcharge for foreign and domestic terrorism coverage provided by the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act will be continued at \$0.01 per \$100 of payroll, until the reauthorization of the federal terrorism program is resolved. Once a decision is made on the federal terrorism program, this terrorism component will be adjusted appropriately.
- 6. That the average premium level, including surcharges, will decrease by 2.9%."

These rates have also been adjusted by the application of the Minnesota Contractors' Premium Adjustment Program.

The intent of this circular is to highlight only the items in the Assigned Risk Rate Schedule and Miscellaneous Values Pages that will change due to the Commissioner's Order. A schedule of the approved rates and miscellaneous values for the Assigned Risk Plan is attached for your convenience.

Please direct any questions you may have regarding this item by email to kathleen.peterson@mwcia.org.

Class Code	4/1/2015 Assigned Risk Rate	Minimum <u>Premium</u>	Class <u>Code</u>	4/1/2015 Assigned Risk Rate	Minimum <u>Premium</u>	Class <u>Code</u>	4/1/2015 Assigned Risk Rate	Minimum Premium
0005	11.58	480	2021	12.32	498	2702	20.24	655
0006	9.10	418	2039	7.40	375	2710	21.59	655
0008	6.41	350	2041	6.88	362	2714	7.70	383
0016	9.10	418	2065	7.40	375	2729	8.80	410
0034	10.29	447	2070	7.40	375	2731	6.13	343
0035	6.24	346	2081	7.59	380	2735	8.58	405
0042	13.31	523	2089	9.74	434	2759	10.67	457
0050	23.27	655	2095	8.11	393	2790	4.57	304
0079	6.41	350	2105	8.36	399	2802	4.95	314
0106	17.63	631	2111	5.23	321	2881	7.67	382
0113	10.29	447	2121	6.33	348	2883	6.71	358
0170	7.73	383	2130	5.45	326	2915	4.81	310
0251	7.34	374	2131	5.23	321	2916	7.87	387
0400	12.29	497	2157	11.85	486	2923	4.43	301
0401	17.41	625	2172	3.99	290	2960	8.33	398
0908	240.46	430	2174	6.22	346	3004	7.40	375
0913	724.63	915	2211	12.65	506	3018	7.04	366
0917	9.24	421	2220	4.32	298	3022	7.54	379
1164	9.98	440	2286	4.54	304	3027	7.10	368
1165	4.26	297	2288	7.04	366	3028	9.60	430
1320	3.71	283	2302	3.19	270	3030	15.13	568
1322	21.78	655	2305	8.11	393	3040	9.96	439
1430	12.87	512	2361	5.34	324	3042	13.31	523
1438	8.61	405	2362	5.34	324	3064	10.37	449
1452	5.01	315	2380	5.34	324	3066	10.29	447
1463	23.90	655	2388	5.34	324	3076	8.09	392
1472	8.03	391	2402	4.54	304	3081	14.93	563
1624	5.97	339	2413	3.30	273	3082	7.07	367
1642	5.14	319	2416	3.69	282	3085	7.87	387
1654	5.97	339	2417	3.30	273	3110	6.38	350
1655	5.97	339	2501	4.90	313	3111	4.62	306
1699	5.14	319	2503	5.34	324	3113	4.46	302
1701	5.14	319	2534	5.34	324	3114	5.47	327
1710	7.18	370	2570	8.61	405	3126	5.61	330
1747	4.51	303	2585	8.69	407	3131	3.77	284
1803	10.73	458	2586	8.69	407	3132	6.24	346
1852	5.17	319	2587	8.66	407	3145	3.49	277
1853	4.48	302	2623	13.56	529	3146	6.82	361
1860	3.99	290	2640	7.95	389	3169	4.92	313
1924	8.69	407	2651	6.19	345	3175	4.92	313
1925	9.76	434	2660	6.19	345	3179	3.85	286
2002	6.93	363	2670	6.19	345	3180	6.90	363
2003	8.53	403	2683	6.19	345	3188	7.78	385
2014	8.69	407	2686	6.19	345	3220	6.41	350
2016	7.21	370	2688	6.19	345	3223	7.95	389

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3224	6.55	354	3824	10.84	461	4459	5.01	315
3227	7.95	389	3826	2.67	257	4470	3.33	273
3241	7.23	371	3827	3.74	284	4484	5.47	327
3255	14.91	563	3830	2.37	249	4493	3.19	270
3257	6.41	350	3851	5.69	332	4511	0.85	211
3300	11.30	473	3881	7.21	370	4557	3.99	290
3303	6.41	350	4000	12.68	507	4558	3.99	290
3307	6.41	350	4021	7.67	382	4568	4.65	306
3315	10.53	453	4024	7.73	383	4581	2.67	257
3334	6.90	363	4034	12.43	501	4583	9.08	417
3341	6.02	341	4036	4.70	308	4611	2.72	258
3365	13.28	522	4038	5.23	321	4635	4.76	309
3372	7.29	372	4053	5.12	318	4653	2.89	262
3373	13.06	517	4061	5.12	318	4665	13.15	519
3382	1.65	231	4062	5.12	318	4670	12.35	499
3383	1.65	231	4101	5.61	330	4683	6.16	344
3385	1.65	231	4112	1.54	229	4686	5.01	315
3400	7.95	389	4114	4.04	291	4692	1.54	229
3507	6.24	346	4130	5.67	332	4693	2.67	257
3515	4.07	292	4131	7.32	373	4703	3.60	280
3548	2.09	242	4133	3.99	290	4720	3.60	280
3559	4.65	306	4150	1.65	231	4740	1.38	225
3571	1.95	239	4206	34.35	655	4741	2.23	246
3574	1.05	216	4207	3.14	269	4751	5.39	325
3612	3.66	282	4239	4.02	291	4767	3.80	285
3620	9.30	423	4240	3.14	269	4771	4.76	309
3629	3.77	284	4243	4.59	305	4777	8.31	398
3632	7.01	365	4244	5.75	334	4825	1.79	235
3634	5.80	335	4250	3.14	269	4828	2.50	253
3635	4.37	299	4251	7.45	376	4829	2.06	242
3638	3.33	273	4263	3.14	269	4902	4.24	296
3642	2.56	254	4273	5.31	323	4923	2.17	244
3643	3.85	286	4279	4.73	308	5020	14.08	542
3647	5.06	317	4283	7.34	374	5022	18.76	655
3648	3.69	282	4299	4.68	307	5037	52.03	655
3681	2.26	247	4304	4.68	307	5040	95.78	655
3685	1.65	231	4307	3.93	288	5057	9.21	420
3719	4.10	293	4314	9.30	423	5059	170.47	655
3724	11.91	488	4351	4.59	305	5102	13.81	535
3726	9.46	427	4352	4.59	305	5146	12.73	508
3803	6.71	358	4361	2.59	255	5160	5.58	330
3807	3.36	274	4410	6.85	361	5183	8.47	402
3808	5.47	327	4420	10.73	458	5188	8.44	401
3821	12.02	491	4432	5.31	323	5190	6.02	341
3822	8.44	401	4452	7.29	372	5191	2.17	244

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5192 5213 5215 5221 5222	5.58 11.66 10.95 14.93 31.71	330 482 464 563 655	6306 6319 6325 6400 6504	14.22 6.44 12.10 14.14 5.50	546 351 493 544 328	77 77	06 6.99 08 43.67 20 3.93 55 17.55 01 5.39	365 234 288 629 325
5348 5403 5437 5445 5462	14.77 25.85 23.27 12.38 24.81	559 655 655 500 655	6811 6834 6836 6854 6882	10.56 6.19 6.19 6.82 9.71	454 345 345 361 433	80 80	02 3.08 06 4.57 08 2.34 13 0.74 15 1.54	267 304 249 209 229
5472 5473 5474 5478 5479	24.04 19.36 17.05 21.75 13.37	655 655 616 655 524	6884 7201 7207 7222 7228	27.25 18.18 18.18 11.30 11.77	655 645 645 473 484	80 80 80 80	18 7.95 21 4.90 29 3.96	267 389 313 289 286
5480 5491 5506 5507 5508	14.63 5.61 11.85 12.27 32.70	556 330 486 497 655	7229 7230 7231 7232 7360	14.96 13.48 13.48 11.88 10.15	564 527 527 487 444	80 80 80	32 5.20 33 3.55 34 4.87 36 4.24 39 2.61	320 279 312 296 255
5537 5538 5551 5606 5645	8.14 16.58 69.91 3.11 22.03	394 605 655 268 655	7370 7380 7382 7390 7403	9.60 10.84 6.90 12.16 10.62	430 461 363 494 456	80 80 80	47 3.71	319 214 283 312 348
5649 5651 5703 5705 5951	12.02 22.96 29.07 25.66 2.23	491 655 655 655 246	7405 7420 7421 7422 7425	1.82 10.12 1.57 2.12 4.76	236 443 229 243 309	80 81	03 5.28	312 221 324 322 413
6003 6017 6204 6213 6216	14.08 20.65 25.00 7.51 14.03	542 655 655 378 541	7431 7502 7515 7520 7529	2.12 4.84 2.06 5.83 19.61	243 311 242 336 655	81 81 82		372 329 304 603 380
6217 6229 6233 6235 6236	12.24 9.96 7.67 17.05 27.03	496 439 382 616 655	7538 7539 7540 7580 7590	13.75 2.12 5.91 5.50 6.38	534 243 338 328 350	82 82 82		350 365 423 394 368
6237 6248 6251 6252 6260	3.22 23.21 22.19 14.85 53.49	271 655 655 561 655	7600 7601 7605 7610 7705	7.40 20.43 2.17 0.74 9.13	375 655 244 209 418	82 82	63 15.92	521 588 502 655 645

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8280 8284 8285 8286 8291	14.44 10.89 18.65 12.51 8.11	551 462 655 503 393	8864 8868 8869 8901 9012	4.46 0.94 1.95 0.50 3.47	302 214 239 203 277	9586 9600 9620	1.82 9.05 1.84	236 416 236
8292 8293 8304 8350 8353	7.81 21.15 11.11 7.37 8.66	385 655 468 374 407	9014 9015 9016 9033 9040	7.48 7.48 10.09 3.74 6.41	377 377 442 284 350			
8380 8381 8385 8392 8393	5.75 3.88 5.64 4.40 5.75	334 287 331 300 334	9044 9052 9054 9058 9060	3.08 5.03 7.48 5.03 3.14	267 316 377 316 269			
8395 8500 8601 8606 8719	5.75 11.03 1.16 4.84 7.84	334 466 219 311 386	9061 9062 9063 9082 9083	2.81 3.82 2.15 3.03 3.05	260 286 244 266 266			
8720 8721 8723 8742 8745	2.97 1.40 0.30 0.77 9.16	264 225 198 209 419	9084 9088 9093 9101 9102	4.24 28.27 2.92 7.84 7.15	296 655 263 386 369			
8748 8800 8803 8810 8820	1.46 2.97 0.17 0.30 0.30	227 264 194 198 198	9149 9154 9156 9178 9179	3.14 3.93 7.37 9.49 18.56	269 288 374 427 654			
8824 8825 8826 8828 8829	6.85 3.91 5.53 4.59 5.06	361 288 328 305 317	9180 9182 9186 9220 9402	14.27 4.18 54.95 10.81 9.82	547 295 655 460 436			
8830 8831 8832 8833 8835	8.33 4.02 0.85 2.70 4.54	398 291 211 258 304	9403 9410 9501 9516 9519	9.82 2.72 5.42 9.46 6.90	436 258 326 427 363			
8842 8844 8845 8855 8856	3.77 2.17 3.77 0.30 0.30	284 244 284 198 198	9521 9522 9534 9539 9554	8.83 9.05 12.13 20.32 20.52	411 416 493 655 655			

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	"S" Codes		Maritim	e and Feder	al Codes			
6845	11.14	469	6702	21.37	655			
7309	10.86	462	6703	34.79	655			
7313	3.85	286	6704	23.65	655			
7317	6.66	357	7016	14.11	543			
7327	26.24	655	7024	15.68	582			
8726	2.72	258	7038	8.39	400			
9077	1.40	225	7046	13.20	520			
			7047	17.08	617			
			7050	10.15	444			
			7090	9.32	423			
	"F" Codes		7098	14.66	557			
			7099	15.98	590			
6801	7.23	371	7151	8.42	401			
6824	13.26	522	7152	13.70	533			
6826	12.35	499	7153	9.30	423			
6843	40.48	655	7333	16.50	603			
6845	25.33	655	7335	18.32	648			
6872	14.66	557	7337	19.97	655			
6874	70.13	655	7394	14.88	562			
7309	19.00	655	7395	16.53	603			
7313	36.99	655	7398	18.01	640			
7317	19.64	655	8734	1.05	216			
7327	69.82	655	8737	0.94	214			
7350	9.46	427	8738	1.51	228			
8709	12.90	513	8805	0.39	200			
8726	23.93	655	8814	0.36	199			
9077	5.36	324	8815	0.58	205			

Assigned Risk Plan Rates Effective New and Renewal April 1, 2015

Miscellaneous Values

Expense Constant applicable to all	policies	\$190.00
 Maximum Individual Remuneration executive officers, partners an Basic Manual Rule 2-E-1-b at members/owners of a Lin Minnesota Basic Manual Rule Code 9178—"Athletic Sports Code 9179—"Athletic Sports 		
Minimum Individual Remuneration • executive officers, partners as Basic Manual Rule 2-E-1-b a members/owners of a Lin Minnesota Basic Manual Rule		
or an executive officer of a closely hel 176.041, is employed by such entity to of the employer and for whom covera of such spouse, parent or child as inc in the basis of premium computation	e, Parent or Child Elections ridual sole proprietor or a partner of a partner of a partner of a partner of a coverage of perform work in connection with the opening has been elected in writing, the actual dicated in the insured's records shall be in a subject to a minimum amount per each shall be considered a full week). There	under rations payroll cluded week
United States Longshore and I Percentage applicable only in con	Harbor Workers' Compensation Cov	verage
3-A-4-b (Multiply a Non-F classification		
	on rate by a factor of 1.47)	I Rule
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3-A-4-b (Multiply a Non-F classification Terrorism per \$100 of payroll – incl Minnesota Special Compensation I Limits of Employers Liability Standard: Bodily Injury by Accident Bodily Injury by Disease: Bodily Injury by Disease:	on rate by a factor of 1.47) uded in multiplier	1 Rule 47% \$0.01
3-A-4-b (Multiply a Non-F classification Terrorism per \$100 of payroll – incl Minnesota Special Compensation I Limits of Employers Liability Standard: Bodily Injury by Accident Bodily Injury by Disease:	uded in multiplier Fund Assessment \$100,000 Each Accident \$500,000 Policy Limit	1 Rule 47% \$0.01

Taxicab Driver Payroll

When the payroll of taxicab drivers is not verifiable in the payroll records of the insured, the payroll of such drivers shall be established as 150% of the statewide average weekly wage extended for the period of employment during the policy term.

If the owner also rents or leases the vehicle, an additional premium will be charged for each leased or rented vehicle per policy year based on 100% of the statewide average weekly wage extended to an annual basis.

Experience Rating Eligibility

A risk is eligible for intrastate experience rating when the payrolls or other exposures developed in the last year or last two years of the experience period produced a premium of at least \$10,000. If more than two years, an average annual premium of at least \$5,000 is required. Page R5 of the *Minnesota Experience Rating Plan Manual* should be referenced for the latest approved eligibility amounts.

Merit Rating Eligibility

A risk is eligible for Minnesota merit rating when payrolls or other exposures developed within the rating period do not qualify an employer in the Minnesota Assigned Risk Plan for an experience modification factor. Refer to the *Minnesota Experience Rating Plan Manual* for information on the Minnesota Assigned Risk Plan Merit Rating Program.

Waiver of Subrogation

A risk may be eligible to request that the Waiver of Our Right To Recover Endorsement - WC 00 03 13 (waiver of subrogation) be applied to a specific job only. The risk must provide the Servicing Carrier with the following information: job location; a copy of the construction contract; duration of the job (including beginning date and ending date); a description of the work to be performed; the estimated payroll dollars expended on the job; the class code(s) of the employees on the job; and the number of employees on the job.

The inclusion of this endorsement will generate an additional premium charge of 5% of the payroll for the specific job times the appropriate classification rate(s), divided by 100; subject to a minimum premium charge of \$100.

Safety Program Rating Plan — Rule

The total net debit or credit produced by this rating plan is added to unity then applied multiplicatively to the risk's standard (i.e., after the application of experience rating) premium. The result is the risk's net premium.

Each individual debit or credit shall be based on relevant evidence that is contained in the file of the inspecting underwriter. Rate modifications will not be made effective until supporting evidence is received by the underwriter.

The basis for determining a risk's overall rate factor shall be made available to the employer so that corrective measures may be taken by the employer to improve safety and reduce premium.

Each employer shall maintain the right of appeal with respect to its assigned rating modification factor. A written response detailing the basis for its rebuttal shall be provided by the employer to the Assigned Risk Plan Administrative office. An admissible basis for appealing a rate is an employer's claim that financial constraints make required improvements infeasible.

RATING ITEM

RANGE OF ALLOWABLE MODIFICATION

1. AWAIR/OSHA Compliance

-5% to 5%

Evaluation of general level of compliance with Minnesota OSHA standard, "AWAIR" which defines essential elements of a formal program, and management and employee commitment to safety.

- written accident and injury reduction plan
- management participation, established,
- measured and maintained

- implementation of plan, how and by who
- communication of plan to all employees
- enforcement of safe work practices and rules
- copy of OSHA 300 log, accident summary 3 years

2. Other Operational Methods

-5% to 5%

Employee selection and training procedures, internal inspection, and organizational directives toward safety (e.g., safety incentive programs). Also includes employee interviews, drivers training, ergonomic awareness and established emergency procedures.

- employee selection
- employee training
- employee supervision
- safety committees
- internal inspections

- driver training
- ergonomic awareness
- safety incentives
- emergency incentives

3. <u>Premises</u> -2% to 2%

Includes cleanliness of work site, density of people relative to capacity, noise levels, number of exits, lighting, electrical lockout, chemical and various physical hazards unique to work site.

- age of building
- lighting
- placement of emergency equipment
- number of emergency exits
- unique physical hazards
- hazards of entrance and exit area
- electrical lockout/tagout
- other emergency controls
- unique chemical hazards

4. Equipment, Machinery, Devises

-2% to 2%

Includes machine safeguards, state-of-the-art conformity of equipment, warnings, machine electrical and chemical hazards.

- age of machinery
- care, maintenance and replacement practices
- hazard warnings
- posted usage instructions
- · personal protective items
- inherent hazards of machinery including physical, electrical, chemical, radioactivity
- condition and type of motor vehicles
- quality of office furniture

5. Medical Facilities -3% to 3%

Includes first aid stations, eye wash facilities, presence of medical personnel, CPR awareness, etc.

- availability of medical professionals
- CPR training and posting
- quality of first aid facilities
- designated clinics

- bloodborne prevention
- emergency medical procedures
- return to work program

6. Accident Reporting and Investigation

-4% to 4%

Level of reporting, record keeping, investigation and researching accidents. Also includes related follow-up procedures.

- record keeping
- reporting procedures
- near miss evaluation
- studies of underlying causes
- investigation of work place accidents and illness
- inquiries directed to injured and fellow employees
- level of follow-up procedures
- corrective action implementation

Maximum Debit or Credit for this rating Plan is plus or minus 15%.

Participation in Assigned Risk's Safety Plan requires prior approval and a physical inspection. Requests for an inspection should be directed to MWCARP by writing MWCARP – Attn: Safety Plan; 5600 West 83rd Street, 8200 Tower, Suite 1100; Minneapolis, MN 55437, by phone at 800-471-6767 or by email kim.zersen@aon.com.

Deductible Plan — Rule

The Minnesota Workers' Compensation Assigned Risk Plan will use the following deductible credits:

<u>Deductible</u>	<u>Premium Credit</u>
\$250	1.2%
\$500	2.1%
\$1,000	3.6%
\$2,500	6.2%
\$5,000	9.0%

13.2%

Per Claim Medical Loss Deductible

Participation in MWCARP's Deductible Plan requires prior approval. For copies of the applications and complete rules, refer to MWCARP's website at www.mwcarp.org.

\$10,000