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## ALL ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

Circular Letter No. 18-1724

## **RE:** Revised Minnesota ERM-14 (Confidential Request for Ownership Information) Form

The Minnesota Department of Commerce has approved the above filing to become effective 12:01 a.m., March 1, 2018, for new and renewal business. The purpose of this filing is to revise the Minnesota ERM-14 (Confidential Request for Ownership Information) Form, which is located in the *Minnesota Experience Rating Plan Manual*.

The current Minnesota ERM-14 is a four page form and can be confusing and difficult for users who are filling out the form. MWCIA's revised two page Minnesota ERM-14 form has been streamlined making it easier to complete, while still obtaining the information needed for MWCIA to make ownership rulings. MWCIA's future goal is to allow users to manage the ownership form(s) via a new web application.

Attached is a copy of the Minnesota ERM-14 form showing strikethrough and underlined text. The strikethroughs indicate deleted text, while the underlining indicates new text. A copy of the final version of the form has also been included.

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.

## ERM-14 FORM—CONFIDENTIAL REQUEST FOR OWNERSHIP INFORMATION

#### All items must be answered completely or the form may be returned.

The following confidential ownership statements may be used only in establishing premiums for your insurance coverages. Your workers compensation policy requires that you report ownership changes, and other changes as detailed below, to your insurance carrier in writing within 90 days of the change. If you have questions, contact your agent, insurance company, or the appropriate rating organization. Once completed, this form must be submitted to the rating organization by you, your insurance carrier(s), or your agents. If this form does not provide the means to explain the transaction, enter as much the mation on the form as possible and supplement the form with a narrative on the employer's letterhead, signature where, partner, or executive officer.



# ENTITY 2—Complete Column B on Page 3



- tion for the new owner in column B.
- 6. If this is a partial sale, transfer, or conveyance of an existing business (i.e. sale of one or more plants or locations):
  - a. Explain what portion or location of the entire operation was sold, transferred, or conveyed.
  - b. Was this entity insured under a separate policy from the remaining portion? Yes No If not, specify the entities with which it was combined:

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- 7. Did the legal status of this entity change? □ Yes □ No If yes, you must complete the Type of Entity portion for each entity to reflect such change.
- Is this transaction a result of bankruptcy? □ Yes □ No
  If yes, please indicate under which Chapter the bankruptcy was filed.

**Corporations**—List all names of owners of 5% or more of voting stock and number of shares owned. Submit shareholder proposal if transaction involved exchange of stock.



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**Note:** This form is for Minnesota policyholders to report ownership changes pertaining to their Minnesota business entities. Any entity with exposure in multiple states should complete the national version of the ERM-14 form and submit to the National Council on Compensation Insurance, Inc. (NCCI) for review. The national ERM-14 form can be accessed on NCCI's website at www.ncci.com.

Check all that	TYPE OF TRANSACTION [COLUMNS A, B & C LOCATED ON PAGE 2 UNDER SECTION C.]	Effective Date	Reported Date
apply	Name and/or legal entity change A change has occurred to the name and/or legal status of the entity.		insurance carrier]
	<u>NOTE:</u> DBA Name changes are not considered ownership changes and do not need to be reported to MWCIA.		
	Sale, transfer or conveyance of all or a portion of an entity's ownership interest A change has occurred to the ownership of the entity.		
	Sale, transfer or conveyance of an entity's physical assets to another entity that takes over its operations An entity sells or transfers its assets to another entity and the acquiring entity takes over the operations of the selling/transferring entity. The entity or business name may or may not be sold or transferred with the other assets.		
	Merger or consolidation (Attach copy of articles of merger or articles of consolidation) Two or more entities combine to form a single entity.		
	Formation of a new entity that acts as, or in effect is, a successor to another entity A new entity is formed or replaces an entity that has dissolved or a new entity is formed and the prior entity has ceased operations or operates in a limited capacity.		
	Irrevocable trust or receiver A change has occurred to the entity, either voluntarily or by court mandate that requires the entity to be put in a trust or receivership.		
	<b>Determination of combinability of separate entities</b> <u>Two or more entities have common ownership and may be combinable for</u> <u>experience rating purposes.</u>		

## Section A – Type of Transaction

## Section B – Ownership History

1. Have any of these entities operated under another name in the last four years?

Yes No If Yes:

Yes

Name of Entity

2. Are any of the entities currently related through common majority ownership to any entity not listed on this form?

Yes No If Yes:

Name of Entity

3. Have any of these entities been previously related through common majority ownership to any other entities in the last four years?

No If Yes:

## Section C – Ownership Detail

Information	Column A	<u>Column B</u>	<u>Column C</u>
	Enter name used in Section A for Entity 1 Entity 1	Enter name used in Section A for Entity 2 Entity 2	Enter name used in Section A for Entity 3 Entity 3 If applicable, use this column for multiple combinations or entities resulting from mergers and consolidations
Name of Entity			
Entity Information: • Address • FEIN • Policy Number Ownership			
Total Ownership Interest or Number of Shares			

NOTE: If your business has changed significantly to result in a change to the primary (governing) classification and the process and hazard of the operation have also changed, contact your agent, insurance carrier or MWCIA for additional information.

### Section D – Additional Information

Please include any additional information you believe pertinent to the transaction detailed above that cannot be expressed due to the format of this form. If there is not enough space below, attach the information on the entity's letterhead signed by an owner, partner or executive officer.

## Section E – Certification

This is to certify that the information contained on this form is complete and correct.

#### [All forms will be returned if this Certification Section is incomplete.]

Name of person completing form:

Signature of Owner, Partner, Member or **Executive Officer** 

Title

Print name of above signature

Date

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