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CIRCULAR LETTER TO ALL MEMBER COMPANIES

Re: Workers Compensation Insurance
NC WCIP Depopulation Reports

Effective upon the July 29, 1995 ratification date of Senate Bill 345, North Carolina General Statute 58-36-1(5) has been amended as follows:

b. The Bureau shall maintain a compendium of employers refused voluntary coverage, which shall be made available by the Bureau to all insurers, licensed agents and self-insureds' administrators doing business in this State. It shall be stored and indexed to allow access to information by industry, primary classification of employees, geography, experience modification, and in any other manner the Bureau determines is commercially useful to facilitate voluntary coverage of listed employers. The Bureau shall be immune from civil liability for erroneous information released by the Bureau pursuant to this section, provided that the Bureau acted in good faith and without malicious or willful intent to harm in releasing the erroneous information.

Senate Bill 345 deleted the requirement that the carrier or its agent furnish a form to employers upon notice of cancellation or a decision to decline to write or renew a workers compensation insurance policy. The form, if completed by the employer and sent to the Bureau, was used to build a database of employers refused voluntary coverage. The **Employer Notice To North Carolina Rate Bureau** and **Employers Refused Voluntary Coverage Order Form** (Circular Letter To All Member Companies, C-94-7, August 19, 1994) are now obsolete.

As stated in the statute quoted above, in order to facilitate voluntary coverage, the Rate Bureau may now provide insurers, licensed agents and self-insureds' administrators doing business in North Carolina information on employers that have obtained coverage through the provisions of the North Carolina Workers Compensation Insurance Plan (NC WCIP).

The NC WCIP Depopulation (NCDEPOP) Reports will be available as follows:

General Reports

General Reports contain a complete list with address, governing classification code, estimated annual policy premium and experience modification (current and renewal, if available) of NC WCIP employers whose coverage expires in the month(s) selected. The data are listed by Rate Bureau file number. The reports are available for \$30 per month or twelve months of reports can be obtained for \$300. The year's worth of reports can be delivered all at once or one report a month for 12 months, with the subscription beginning in any month selected by the user.

Custom Reports

Like the General Report, the Custom Report provides a listing of NC WCIP employers whose coverage expires in the month(s) selected. The data are further refined by criteria selected by the user when the Custom Report is ordered. Users may elect to have these reports limited to (i) one to five zip codes, (ii) one to five governing classification codes, (iii) a specific premium range and/or (iv) a specific experience modification range. These reports are available for \$30 per month or a year's worth of reports can be

obtained for \$300 on a subscription basis or all at once.

NCDEPOP Diskette

General or Custom Reports may be ordered on a diskette. The diskette reports are on IBM -PC compatible, high-density 3.5" diskettes with the data in Lotus 1-2-3 worksheet format. Data on the diskette can be easily loaded into most PC spreadsheet applications (e.g. Lotus 1-2-3, Excel, Quattro Pro) and database managers (e.g. FoxPro, Access, dBase, Paradox). The user's PC should have a minimum of two megabytes of Random Access Memory (RAM) and eight to ten megabytes of free hard disk space to accommodate the data.

Enclosed is an order form which may be used to obtain information for NC WCIP employers.

Very truly yours,

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