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2012 marked the 100th anniversary of workers’ compensation law in Michigan. Prior to the initial enactment in 1912, a worker who was injured in the course of his or her employment could sue his or her employer in a civil or “tort” action. This was the same remedy available to any person injured under other circumstances. The tort remedy, however, has certain problems. It requires the worker prove that the injury occurred because the employer was negligent. The employer could then assert one or more of three important defenses: (1) that the worker was also negligent, (2) that the worker knew of the dangers involved and “assumed the risk,” or (3) that the injury occurred because of the negligence of a “fellow employee.” Under this system it was very difficult for workers to recover against their employers. If they did win, however, they could receive damages similar to other civil actions.

In 1912 Michigan, along with most other states, adopted a Workmen’s Compensation Act. The new remedy was essentially a “no-fault” system under which a worker no longer had to prove negligence on the part of the employer, and the employer’s three indicated defenses were eliminated. The intent of the new law was to require an employer to compensate a worker for any injury suffered on the job, regardless of the existence of any fault or whose it might be.

Workers’ compensation law became Michigan’s first “tort reform” legislation. In exchange for the simplified burden of proof and elimination of the common law tort defenses indicated above, injured workers are now entitled only to (1) certain wage loss benefits, (2) medical treatment subject to cost containment rules, and (3) limited vocational rehabilitation services. Recovery under workers’ compensation is limited to these three areas, no matter how serious the injury. There is no pain and suffering compensation. There are no jury trials. The cases are adjudicated before an appointed Board of Magistrates and the first level of appeal is to another appointed body, the Appellate Commission. Appeals to the Court of Appeals and Supreme Court are only by leave granted. Employers are protected from most other injury claims by employees since the benefits under the Workers’ Disability Compensation Act are deemed to be the employee’s “exclusive remedy.”
Nearly all employers in Michigan are covered by workers’ compensation. This includes both public and private employers. In fact, when talking about workers’ compensation, it is easier to discuss the exceptions. There are a few classes of workers who are covered by federal laws and are not covered by the Workers’ Disability Compensation Act of Michigan. Employees of the federal government (such as postal workers, employees at a veteran’s administration hospital, or members of the armed forces) are covered by federal laws. People who work on interstate railroads are covered by the Federal Employers Liability Act. Seamen on navigable waters are covered by the Merchant Marine Act of 1920, and people loading and unloading vessels are covered by the Longshoremen’s and Harbor Workers’ Compensation Act. Virtually all other workers and employers are subject to Michigan’s law.

Certain very small employers are exempt. If a private employer has three or more employees at any one time, or employs one or more workers for 35 or more hours per week for 13 or more weeks, the employer is subject to the Workers’ Disability Compensation Act (Section 115).
2012 Highlights

♦ The agency completed the transition from an obsolete microfilm process to digital imaging.
♦ Processes, procedures, forms and other documents were modified and adapted to accommodate statute and rule changes.
♦ Health Care Services Rules and Fee Schedule became effective 12/26/12. The format of the schedule is new compared to years past, and includes worksheets which will automatically calculate the specific fees. All fees are based on 2012 CMS Medicare fee schedules.
♦ A new division was created this year known as “Resolutions, Rehabilitation, & Rules” or “R3” which encompasses activities such as Alternative Dispute Resolution hearings, Health Care Services functions, and Vocational Rehabilitation regulation.

What to look for in 2013

♦ Continue the process to replace outdated WORCS computer system.
♦ Continue efforts to increase participation in EDI filing of Proofs of Coverage (WC-400) and Termination of Coverage (WC-401) through existing data system and design new system to transition existing coverage information and increase participation in electronic filings.
♦ Continue to develop new procedures and usages for digital imaging system including implementation of optical character recognition of certain data elements.
♦ Implement additional computer software enhancements with Optical Character Recognition zones for data extraction. Ricoh will also adjust the “Export” script to format data for release into the TRIM software. The TRIM software will allow all agency users to view and easily search for any scanned images using the updated “OCR” zones.
♦ Health Care Services continues to monitor significant changes that could impact the Rules and Fee Schedule over the coming year, including implementation of ICD-10, Opioid medication usage in workers’ compensation claims, and compounding of medications.
♦ The Funds Administration will upgrade the operating platforms for the Funds Administration Information and Cash Receipts System(s); in addition, we intend to create an environment to allow for increased electronic filings in the assessment collection process.
Organization Chart

Workers’ Compensation Agency
Director

Funds Administration

Deputy Director

Self-Insured Programs

Claims Processing

Silicosis, Dust Disease & Logging Industry Compensation Fund & Second Injury Fund

Self-Insurers’ Security Fund & Second Injury Fund

Compliance & Employer Records

Resolutions, Rehabilitation & Rules

Systems Support

Compensation Supplement Fund

Redemption Fee Unit

Data Management

File Maintenance

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The mission of the Workers’ Compensation Agency is to efficiently administer the Workers’ Disability Compensation Act of Michigan, which includes carrier and employer compliance, timely benefit payments and the prompt transfer of contested claims involving Michigan’s injured workers to the Michigan Administrative Hearings System (MAHS).

Goals:
- Ensure that employees that have suffered a work-related injury or occupational disease are provided correct wage loss replacement, medical and vocational rehabilitation services during periods of incapacity, and that these benefits are paid timely and accurately.
- Provide leadership to carry out a legislative agenda for more efficient regulation and delivery of workers’ compensation benefits.
- Coordinate with MAHS to transfer contested matters to their informal and formal dispute resolution process for employers, insurance carriers, injured workers, and health care providers.
- Monitor medical care providers’ compliance with the agency’s Health Care Services Rules (cost containment fees) to ensure that the cost of providing health care services remains reasonable and that injured workers have access to quality health care statewide.
- Monitor the financial position of all individual and group self-insureds to ensure their ability to meet future payment of benefits on a timely basis.
- Maintain a historical insurance coverage record system for the more than 237,000 employers subject to the Workers’ Disability Compensation Act.
- Monitor and enforce employers’ compliance with the requirements for insurance coverage.
- Ensure carrier and employee rights to benefits or reimbursement, within Chapter 5-Funds of the Workers’ Disability Compensation Act, are determined and paid in a timely and accurate manner.
- Maintain agency records in accord with statutory requirements and in compliance with state general archive requirements.

The Workers’ Compensation Agency has a website which contains a variety of information, forms, documents and statistics regarding the agency and its functions. The address is [www.michigan.gov/wca](http://www.michigan.gov/wca).
The Claims Processing Division maintains a current and historical claims/case records system. Its objective is to ensure that employees that have suffered work related injuries are provided correct wage loss replacement and that both voluntary claims and litigated cases are processed in a timely manner.

This division performs a variety of functions relating to workers’ compensation claims. The program is broken down into three major sections:

- **Compensation Supplement Fund.** The Compensation Supplement Fund was established to provide a cost-of-living adjustment to workers who were injured between 9/1/65 and 12/31/79. The staff reviews and processes all applications for reimbursement submitted by insurers and self-insurers on a quarterly basis. In 2012, the Compensation Supplement Fund reimbursed insurers and self-insurers $2,796,480.55 for supplemental benefits paid on 1,525 claims. The section is also responsible for collecting and auditing all redemption fees. In 2012, $1,359,700 in Redemption Fees was collected.

- **Data Management.** The Data Management section is responsible for reviewing, evaluating and data entering all claims forms required by the statute. The staff also manually audits all opinions, orders and voluntary pay agreements as well as certain forms that cannot be audited by the system. In 2012, the staff data entered 114,767 claims forms.

- **File Maintenance.** The File Maintenance staff prepares all agency mail for scanning or digital imaging (which includes automatic date stamping). The preparation includes opening, sorting, screening, and matching agency forms and correspondence. In addition, this section is responsible for scanning all agency mail. In 2012, the section processed 456,796 forms and correspondence relating to claim, case and insurance records. This section is also responsible for housing and maintaining workers' compensation cases that are in open payment status. In addition, the staff prepares closed files for Records Center and recalls them when necessary. In 2012, approximately 14,112 claims/cases were retired.
The Compliance and Employer Records Division works to ensure that all employers subject to the Michigan Workers’ Disability Compensation Act have complied with the requirements by securing workers’ compensation coverage either through a policy of insurance or through approved self-insured authority.

The division maintains the current and historical record system for over 241,000 employers. This includes coverage records on self-insurers, employers with insurance, and employers who have excluded themselves from the Act. In addition, this division has the responsibility to enforce employers’ compliance with insurance requirements of the statute.

The major objectives of this program are:

♦ To keep an accurate insurance coverage record;

♦ To identify the responsible insurance carriers for employers listed on applications for mediation or hearing;

♦ To communicate with those employers who fail to maintain insurance coverage, using the civil process to enforce such compliance if the employer fails to comply even after being advised of the requirements of the statute by division staff.

Since 1983, workers’ compensation insurance premiums in Michigan have been set in the marketplace. This means that different insurance companies charge different premiums. Research done by the insurance commissioner suggests that employers should “shop around” for the best deal on insurance. All workers’ compensation insurance policies provide the same coverage. However, some cost more than others and some companies provide more services than others. Employers should shop for the best price and the most service from their workers’ compensation insurance company.

In addition, the agency has been penalizing employers when they allow their workers’ compensation coverage to lapse. To date, the agency has collected $4.1 million in fines as a result of these lapses in coverage.
The Workers' Disability Compensation Act permits employers to request authority to self-insure and assume responsibility for direct payment of benefits to injured workers. The Act also permits providers of claims adjusting, underwriting and loss control services to apply and be approved by the agency to provide these services to approved self-insurers.

Two types of self-insured authority are permitted by the Act. Individual employers may be approved as self-insurers or, two or more employers in the same industry may apply for group self-insured authority. Statutory requirements, administrative rules and agency policy require annual renewal applications and various monitoring and approval tasks throughout the year.

Self-Insured Programs conducts initial regulatory reviews on employer self-insured applications and in the formation of group self-insured programs; provides guidance through the approval, formation, and review process; and issues decisions that detail the required security and exposure limiting devices based on statutory authority and the agency’s established policy. Initial and annual regulatory reviews are also conducted on service company applications. The staff works to resolve all issues and disputes generated by self-insured employers by telephone, informal meetings and through the formal hearing process. The division also provides information to the public relevant to self-insured concepts and notifies self-insured employers and other interested parties of changes in the statute, administrative rules, and departmental policy.

This division also provides final approval for distributions of surplus funds not needed to pay claims or administrative expenses to members of approved group self-insured programs. This process requires the review and assessment of documents provided in support of the specific request made by the group programs. Surplus return authorizations range between $50,000,000 and $60,000,000 on average annually. These are funds returned to the members of the various groups, pursuant to the bylaws and operating procedures, reducing the cost of their workers’ compensation program in Michigan and therefore reducing their overall business costs.
The R3 Division performs a wide variety of functions mandated in sections 418.315 and 418.319 of the Workers' Disability Compensation Act of 1969, as amended. These sections are essential to keeping injury-related medical care costs in Michigan among the lowest in the country, and regulating the application of vocational rehabilitation services to Michigan’s injured workers.

Health Care Services functions include; (1) Rule Development, Review and Revision, (2) Evaluation, and (3) Information and Education. Here is a brief summary of each category:

♦ **Rule Development, Review and Revision.** The Act and the Workers’ Compensation Health Care Services Rules identify policies for coverage and reimbursement to health care providers. Health care trends and policies are researched and developed by staff and Health Care Services (HCS) Advisory Committee members in accordance with nationally recognized standards of practice and reimbursement methodologies. Practitioner reimbursement is based upon resource based relative value units (RBRVS).

♦ **Evaluation.** The evaluation process consists of compiling carrier data and analyzing charges, payments, health care procedures and medical diagnosis. The results of the data analysis are used to decide reimbursement levels, utilization parameters, and level of care diagnosis. Provider and carrier compliance is also monitored through the case samples and other reports provided by carriers.

♦ **Carrier’s Review Certification & Data Reporting.** Health Care Services has enhanced the internet automated Certification of a Carrier’s Professional Health Care Review and Annual Form 406 Annual Medical Payment Report program so insurance carriers, self-insured’s and insured groups can go online and submit required information. The system e-mails an annual filing reminder to the carriers and service companies. It has significantly decreased both staff and customer hours used for filing and processing resulting in significant improvement in the efficiency and reduced costs. A carrier’s professional review process is certified by staff to assure that appropriate medical review criteria are utilized according to Rule requirements. Carriers must also attest that professional review staff are licensed and certified as required by Workers' Compensation Health Care Services Rules.

♦ **Information and Education.** Staff responds to numerous telephone and written inquiries for information and clarification of the rules, assists in resolving differences between a carrier and a provider, meets with provider, carrier and employee organizations, professional review companies, attorneys, mediators, magistrates and legislators. Staff also provides educational seminars for providers, carriers and professional review
agencies regarding the application of the rules, billing procedures, carrier and provider responsibilities and rights outlined in the rules. Staff also participates on panels and programs on workers’ compensation health care.

Vocational rehabilitation encompasses the oversight of rehabilitation services for employers and employees alike, as well as approval of vocational rehabilitation service providers, regulation of ethical service delivery, and dispute resolution.

The formal agency mediation process, §223 in prior versions of the act, was eliminated by the 12/2011 amendments. Case facilitation and other voluntary resolution processes will take place at MAHS.

As for vocational rehabilitation hearings, the Agency Director will continue to handle initial level determinations. Informal Alternative Dispute Resolution techniques will be employed in most cases. If this is not successful, the parties can request a formal determination:

♦ *Vocational Rehabilitation Director Hearings.* Disputes concerning the proper course of vocational rehabilitation are first submitted to the agency director. The director then refers the dispute to one of his representatives to conduct a vocational rehabilitation hearing. The goal of this initial level, informal vocational rehabilitation hearing is to facilitate a voluntary agreement between the parties regarding the appropriate course of vocational rehabilitation for the injured worker. If the parties cannot reach an agreement, the Director will hold a formal hearing, and a record will be made.
The Funds Administration Division consists of the Second Injury Fund; the Silicosis, Dust Disease and Logging Industry Compensation Fund; and the Self-Insurers’ Security Fund. The Funds, created in Chapter 5 of the Workers’ Disability Compensation Act, are managed by a board of trustees. The board is made up of two trustees that are appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The first represents employers authorized to act as self-insurers in Michigan and the second represents the insurance industry. The third trustee is the director of the Workers’ Compensation Agency.

The Funds Administration is 100% funded by insurers who write workers’ compensation policies in the state of Michigan, and employers who self-insure their workers’ compensation risk. These assessments cover all benefits paid and all administrative costs incurred by the Funds Administration.

During 2012 the Funds Administration handled 3,007 cases. We ended the calendar year with 2,316 open files. Our total expenditures in 2012 equaled $20,754,954.42; reimbursements to carriers and benefit payments to injured workers totaled $15,972,874.99, with administrative costs including litigation expenses equaling $4,782,079.43.

Complete fiscal and calendar year accounting may be obtained from the Funds Administration office. Detailed information regarding the Funds Administration can be found in the Funds Administration Overview located on the Workers’ Compensation Agency’s web site at www.michigan.gov/wca.

The Medical Benefit Reimbursement Fund [MCL 418.862(2); R 408.32a] is also administered by the Funds Administration. The funds for this provision, however, come through the State of Michigan General Fund.
Statistics & Charts
# State Average Weekly Wage Chart

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*Discontinued fringe benefits may not be used to raise the weekly benefits above this amount. Attorney fees may not be based on a benefit rate higher than this amount.
Claim/Case Trends

Indemnity Payments

NOTE: 2005 figures not available due to system “crash.”
### Magistrate Case Disposition Chart

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*2005 statistics are based on a manual count corresponding to the order mailed date and may be subject to revision. The numbers should not be compared to our system-generated reports from previous and/or future years because those are based on file received dates rather than mailed dates.

### Magistrate Aged Case Distribution Chart

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NOTE: 2005 figures not available due to system “crash.”

*Figures revised from previous year’s reports because they did not include the cases awaiting external resolution (e.g. Medicare, Friend of the Court, pension, etc.)
Workers’ Compensation Trends

Average Redemption Amounts

* 2005 statistics are based on a manual count corresponding to the order mailed date and may be subject to revision. The numbers should not be compared to our system-generated reports from previous and/or future years because those are based on file received dates rather than mailed dates.
Statutory Mediation Dispositions
(Not including VR & Health Care Rule Hearings)

Resolved
2,631 1,628 1,579 1,498 1,453 1,433 1,259 1,165 1,324 704

Not Resolved
4,143 1,635 1,294 1,478 1,325 1,372 1,297 1,289 1,089 1,006

Health Care Rule Dispositions

Resolved
5,861 3,691 4,095 3,455 3,817 4,019 3,056 2,401 2,408 2,240 1,469

Not Resolved
101 86 73 N/A* 106 81 63 59 45 73 40

NOTE: 2005 figures not available due to system “crash.”
Forms 400 & 401 Received

Exclusion Forms Processed
Number of Approved Self-Insured Groups

Number of Approved Individual Self-Insured Employers
Workers’ Comp Cases - By Case Type

- Medical Only
- Medical Paid on Wage Loss Cases

Health Care Costs - Percent Paid by Case Type

- Medical Only
- Medical Paid on Wage Loss Cases
# WORKERS’ COMPENSATION AGENCY
## ANNUAL HEALTH CARE COSTS 2006-2012

### Jan - Dec

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Average Medical Only per company reporting > $0: $151,917
Average Medical on Wage Loss Cases per company reporting > $0: $483,460

2012 numbers represent 85% of carriers reporting.

### 2012 VR Case Activity

![2012 VR Case Activity Chart](chart.png)

- **VR Cases Opened**
- **VR Cases Closed**
- **Avg Days Open**

Note: 4th Qtr data not complete.
Avg. Number of Days from Injury to Referral for VR Services 2012

Note: 4th Qtr data not complete

2012 Forensic Evaluation (Stokes) Activity

Note: 4th Qtr data not complete
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- Calculation Program
- Michigan Workers’ Compensation Forms (Most Forms)
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General Information/Publications

- Annual Reports (1997 – 2012)
- Coverage Questions for Subcontractors, General Contractors, and Independent
  Contractors (Booklet)
- Funds Administration Overview
- Summary of Your Rights and Responsibilities Under Workers’ Disability
  Compensation (Pamphlet)
- Vocational Rehabilitation for Injured Workers (Pamphlet)

Associated Workers’ Compensation Listings

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