

NOTICE OF HEARING

Proposed 2018 Workers' Compensation Employer Industry Base Rates

Pursuant to the Wyoming Workers' Compensation Act, W.S. § 27-14-101 et. seq. and the Wyoming Administrative Procedures Act, W.S. § 16-3-101 et. seq. the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services, Workers' Compensation Division (the Division) has scheduled a hearing concerning the proposed 2018 Workers' Compensation Industry Base Rates. The hearing will commence:

OCTOBER 18, 2017 AT 9 A.M.
CHEYENNE BUSINESS CENTER ROOM 1141
1510 EAST PERSHING BLVD
CHEYENNE, WYOMING 82002

The Workers' Compensation Division of the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services asserts for 2018 the overall change to employers' Workers' Compensation Industry Base Rates should be 0.0% when compared to the overall Industry Base Rates approved by the Department of Workforce Services that became effective January 1, 2017. Under said proposal, individual industry base rate classifications may increase by up to 14.9%, or decrease by up to 14.8%, compared to the industry base rates charged in 2017. In addition to the proposed change in Industry Base Rates, individual employers' premium rates may further increase or decrease depending on individual experience rating, implementation of an approved safety program, participation in the department's deductible program, or participation in the department's drug and alcohol testing program.

Upon written application, a more definite and detailed statement of the Division's recommendations on the proposed Industry Base Rates will be furnished. A more definite and detailed statement will also be listed on the department's web site after August 27, 2017 at: <http://www.wyomingworkforce.org/>. An electronic copy of the actuarial reports used to arrive at the average Industry Base Rate will be available upon request by contacting the division at (307) 777-6763. The Division asserts that the proposed Industry Base Rates comply with the statutory requirements of the Wyoming Workers' Compensation Act (W.S. § 27-14-101 through 806, particularly § 27-14-201) and the Wyoming Workers' Compensation Rules, Regulations and Fee Schedules.

Interested parties may submit written comments regarding the proposed action to the Workers' Compensation Division, Employer Services Section, Attn: Workers' Compensation Industry Base Rate Hearing, 1510 E. Pershing Blvd., Cheyenne, WY 82002. Any written comments must be received by the Division on or before **October 17, 2017**, to be included in the record of the rate setting proceedings. Interested parties may also appear at the hearing and give oral comment. Those wishing to make oral comments at the hearing should notify the Workers' Compensation Division, Employer Services Section of their intent in writing on or before **October 17, 2017**. Any disabled individual requiring accommodation should call (307) 777-6763.

Any affected employer may contest the Industry Base Rate filing and participate in the hearing pursuant to Chapter 1, Section 5(t) of the Wyoming Workers' Compensation Rules, Regulations and Fee Schedules and the Wyoming Administrative Procedures Act (W.S. §16-3-101 *et seq.*). Any employer desiring to so contest the Industry Base Rate filing shall file a written notice of appearance with the Workers' Compensation Division, Employer Services Section no later than **October 9, 2017**. Counsel for any employer filing a notice of appearance shall file a written entry of appearance with the Workers' Compensation Division Employer Services Section within the same time period.

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