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COMPENSATION CIRCULAR CM-438

To: All Coal Mine Compensation Insurance Carriers

From: Dale W. Broadwater, Executive Director

RE: Proposal CM-2-2011
         Revisions to the Pennsylvania Coal Mine Workers Compensation Manual

The Coal Mine Compensation Rating Bureau (Bureau) submitted and the Pennsylvania Insurance Department approved the subject revisions to be effective **October 1, 2011**.

The following list highlights the more noteworthy changes:

1) Endorsements WC 00 04 21 A and WC 37 01 10 were deleted; endorsements WC 00 04 21 C and WC 00 04 22 A were added (consistent with the approval of Proposal CM-2-2008.)
2) Endorsement WC 00 01 02 A was added (consistent with the approval of Proposal CM-1-2011.)
3) The Specific Disease Premium Determination Endorsement was deleted.
4) The endorsements' numbers were added to the Table of Contents in Section Three – the Endorsements section.
5) The Experience Rating Plan and Merit Rating Plan were clarified to be shown as numbered Sections of the Manual.

This Proposal also included numerous other minor spelling, punctuation, capitalization and formatting changes. Many of the formatting changes will allow the Bureau to more efficiently update its Manual to incorporate future revisions.

The Bureau has posted an updated, electronic version of its Manual on the "Manual" page of its website at http://www.cmcrbpa.com/Manual.html. (Under the Entire Manual section, see Entire Manual (Effective 10/1/2011 – First Reprint). The Bureau notes that this new version of its Manual was created electronically and is fully searchable. Earlier versions of the Bureau's Manual (which are still available on our website) are scanned images of the printed Manual. Any questions concerning this announcement should be directed to the Bureau.

DWB: jb