



Self-Insuring Employer My Policy Page

Our Self-Insured Department is pleased to announce we have developed an at-a-glance [self-insured policy portal page](#) that provides easy access for self-insured service offerings on our website! This page provides a dashboard for employers to access frequently used items, including policy demographic information, coverage status, renewal, SI-40 reporting, and invoice details.

Smart Pay Rebate

Recently, our Self-Insured Department proposed a change to the rules applying to the Self-Insuring Employers Guaranty Fund assessment. Through this change, we can offer rebates to self-insuring employers who participate in our e-notification service offering and who timely pay assessments through the [Self-Insuring Employer My Policy Page](#). We encourage you to enroll in the e-notification service to ensure you are eligible for rebates!

Filing a C-92 application

We are continuing our efforts to improve the C-92 process. While the fastest and easiest way to file a C-92 is [online](#), we are working to further enhance the customer experience. Some of the enhancements include reducing the C-92 application to one page and allowing the user to upload supporting evidence.

If you are still using printed C-92 applications with a revised date of June 2018, make sure to include the claim number **and** injured worker's name on page 2 (shown below) of the application. We are aware the injured worker name and claim number are currently not part of this version of the C-92. This issue will be resolved when the C-92 application is reduced back to one page.



Authorized to receive workers' compensation check	
Injured worker representative name	Representative ID number
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I hereby authorize and direct BWC to mail directly to my attorney the compensation payment in the above numbered claim any accrued monetary award generated by this application. This authorization does not give my attorney the authority to cash or endorse a check on my behalf. This authorization shall not continue in effect after BWC has paid said award(s) on the original application noted above unless there is a subsequent hearing, appeal or reconsideration after payment was made. This authorization is not valid if it is filed beyond 18 months from the date of my signature. 	
Signature of injured worker	Date

Clarifying the right path: medical only vs. lost time

We assign medical-only claims (seven days or less missed from work) for processing in our central claims office and in field offices across the state. Medical-only claims assigned to the field offices are those that appear to have a higher risk of becoming a lost-time claim. Claim services staff in the field offices will call the employers attached to the claim to verify the length of time the injured worker has missed work due to the injury.

If an injured worker has missed eight or more days of work or returns to modified duty at a lesser pay due to the injury, our claims services staff will ask the employer to submit documentation of the injured worker's earnings for the period of six weeks and 52 weeks prior to the date of injury. This helps us establish the injured worker's full weekly wage (FWW) and average weekly wage (AWW). Early establishment of the FWW and AWW helps us avoid delays in payments to the injured worker.

It is our policy to request wages from the employer and injured worker to calculate the FWW and AWW:

- In all lost-time claims.
- When a claim changes from medical only to lost time.
- Or upon receipt of an *Application for Determination of Percentage of Permanent Partial Disability or Increase of Permanent Partial Disability (C-92)*.

We set both the FWW and the AWW when calculating wages for compensation other than percentage of permanent partial disability (%PP).

For submission of earnings, an employer should submit earnings on the [Wages-EMP](#) form; an injured worker can submit earnings on the [Wages-IW](#) form.

2020 Ohio Safety Congress & Expo offers free CLEs

The [2020 Ohio Safety Congress & Expo \(OSC 2020\)](#) is almost here! It's the largest **free**

work-safety event in the U.S. However, it's not just about workplace safety.

This three-day event, happening March 11-13 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center, provides several classes offering free continuing legal education.

Each year thousands of attendees come to the event to learn from expert presenters from across the country covering topics related to:

- Occupational safety and health.
- Workers' compensation trends.
- Controlling claims costs.
- And more.

Additionally, the Expo Marketplace features hundreds of exhibitors and representatives from BWC. [Register for OSC 2020 today!](#)

2020 Medical & Health Symposium, May 1-2

We invite you to attend the fifth annual Ohio Workers' Compensation Medical & Health Symposium, at the Greater Columbus Convention Center, in downtown Columbus. The symposium is a free, world-class, educational opportunity that features health care related experts that will discuss key workers' compensation policies, procedures, and the latest provider topics to help injured workers recover.

[Registration](#) is now open.

Three educational opportunities provide **FREE continuing education**, and opportunities to connect with medically-related exhibitors.

1. **Provider clinical education May 1 – 2.** Includes topics such as stories of triumph and recovery, aligning priorities of abilities to work and return to work, recognizing fraud, multidisciplinary treatment programs, the neurobiology of substance use disorder, identifying recovery risk factors, trauma principles, and more.
2. **Provider staff forum May 1.** Offers a full day of education for provider office staff and administrators. Topics are related to key workers' compensation policies and procedures, and the day-to-day operations of workers' compensation processes and workflows within a provider's office or health-care system.
3. **New! Pre-conference vocational rehabilitation workshop.** On Thursday afternoon, April 30, Linda Hedenblad, MSE, CRC, MINT, will speak on ethical decision making and how to foster resilience in the face of adversity.

Exhibitors

There are exhibitor opportunities to network with more than 800 health-care providers, office staff members, and office administrators at the symposium.

Questions

For more information, visit the [Medical & Health Symposium](#) webpage. If you have questions, call our provider contact center at 1-800-644-6292, options 0-3-0, or email medsymposium@ohio.gov.

In case you missed it

For a brief video recap of recent BWC news and events, please click below.



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