#### **Employer management**

A\*2 Either account examiner 2 (AE2, Risk) or administrative assistant 2 (AA2, S&H)

Big 3 Three key claim factors that influence an employer's workers' compensation

premium: frequency, severity and lag time.

**CCG** Customer care group

**CCT** Customer care team

**CFC** Customer focus center

**CFI** Consulting for impact

Consulting for impact Sales training given to Safety & Hygiene and risk field staff. The field consulting

process includes building relationships with the customer, helping him or her discover his or her workers' compensation needs, advocating BWC's products and services to meet those needs and delivering service to impact the Big 3.

**Customer care group** A group of employers identified by industry or other similar characteristics that

is defined by a customer service office for assignment and management purposes.

Customer care team A combination of employer management and injury management services staff

who is dedicated to providing service to its assigned employers and injured workers.

Customer focus center Smaller than a regular customer service office, CFCs will provide customers with

another avenue to access BWC services. BWC will pilot the CFC concept in

Ashtabula, Bridgeport and Cincinnati.

**EAP** Employer action plan

**EM** Employer management

**EM core services** Specific loss-prevention and loss-control services that most directly result in a

reduction of the Big 3.

**EM gatekeeper** Request handler. Staff who take initial requests or referrals (i.e., AE2, AA2 and

other administrative staff) for the customer care team and employer management

services. This will eventually be called the customer care coordinator.

**EM high touch** The employer management activities are intense and may require many BWC experts.

It also requires adequate customer commitment to follow BWC advice.

**EM lead consultant** Each policy being worked by a customer care team will have a lead person

responsible for coordinating the team's action plan for that customer.

**EM low touch** The employer management activities are minimal. To some extent, the customer

requires very little attention and interaction with a BWC field expert.

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services

**EM medium touch** The employer management activities are less intensive but require attention by

at least one BWC expert. Adequate customer commitment is required.

**EM priority scale** Recommended approach for customer service offices to prioritize their employer

customers by criteria that includes the Big 3, frequency, severity and lag time.

**Employer action plan** A plan that outlines the action steps, goals and strategies that the customer care

team and employer have agreed help the employer reduce the Big 3.

**Employer management** Customer care team members dedicated to working with employers to help them

better prevent and control workers' compensation losses. Their responsibilities include developing workplace safety programs, injury prevention strategies, risk

strategies, and transitional and return-to-work plans.

**FSA** Field services application

Field services application This will replace the current employer tracking application. The FSA will be the

central housing location for recording all employer customer interactions, action

plans and internal staff notes.

**Frequency** Number of claims filed by an employer.

Lag time Amount of time between the date of injury and the date the claim was filed with

BWC.

Loss control Once an injury occurs, BWC and the injured worker's employer work together to

help the injured worker return to work as safely and quickly as possible to control the number of work days the injured worker loses. These strategies include a

transitional work plan.

**Loss prevention** BWC and employers work together to implement safe work practices to help

prevent workplace injuries and lost work time.

**Severity** Number of days an injured worker is away from work.

#### Injury management

unit

**AA** Auto adjudication

**Auto adjudication** A systematic process for determining new low-touch claims.

CCG Customer care groupCCP Customer care planCCT Customer care team

**CDS** Claims determination specialists

**CDU** Central determination unit

**CFC** Customer focus center

**Central determination** The CDU team members – currently the medical-only department – will be located

in the William Green Building. Claims determination specialists (CDSs) research claims and identify low-touch claims that could not be auto adjudicated. The CDU also determines medium-touch claims that have no lost time, do not allege mental health conditions and do not contain a medium-touch ICD-9 code (i.e., lumbar

sprains/strains).

Core support services BWC Administration, Communications, Government and Media Affairs, Finance,

Human Resources, Information Technology and Office Services.

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defined by a customer service office for assignment and management purposes.

Customer care plan A plan that outlines the action steps, goals and strategies the customer care team

will employ to bring a claim to an appropriate resolution.

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High-touch claims These are high-severity claims such as death, CAT, statutory OD, amputation/loss

of use. These claims are complex and require constant intense management to

resolve. They also are high cost and result in lost time.

**IM** Injury management

**Injury management** Coordinated set of strategies to advance injury and illness claims efficiently from

services notification to successful resolution. Injury management is comprised of claims,

medical and vocational rehabilitation services that promote proactive interventions rather than traditional claims handling and processing. Injury management services employ continuous assessment, triage and categorization of claims into touch levels

to better identify strategies and specific interventions.

### Injury management

claim entry

Lost-time claims A claim filed when an employee loses eight or more calendar days from his or her

job due to an industrial injury or occupational disease.

**Low-touch claims** Simple claims that are typically low cost, highly predictable, self-limiting or easily

resolved. These claims do not have an ICD code in the initial claim data. They are

low severity and do not require compensation.

Medical-only claims A claim filed when an employee loses seven or fewer calendar days from his or

her job due to an industrial injury or occupational disease.

Medium-touch claims Claims that are of moderate complexity and less predictable. These claims are of

medium severity (compensation, psychological conditions, level 2 ICD without compensation), may result in lost time and require varying degrees of management

to resolve.

**Reassessment** Lost-time claims previously referred to as manual triage, reassessment is the

ongoing process of evaluating a claim's touch level during its life cycle.

**System-to-system** BWC is partnering with providers – particularly emergency rooms and urgent care

centers – to build system integration for immediate FROI submission directly to BWC.

**Touch levels** Touch levels are assigned to each claim upon its receipt, and the level is reassessed

during its life cycle. Low-, medium-, and high-touch levels refer to a claim's severity.

**Triage** A systematic process for categorizing claims to determine the appropriate touch

level the claim will require for initial determination. Triaging claims provides a tool to predict what resources will be required, and what level of investigation and initial management is needed once a new claim is filed. For employer management, triage

applies to requests for services rather than claims.