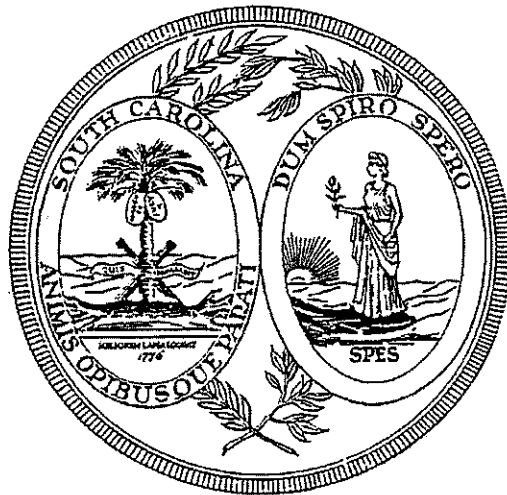


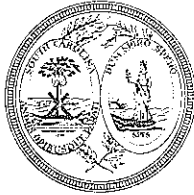
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Workers' Compensation Commission

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To the Citizens of South Carolina:

The South Carolina Workers' Compensation Commission is pleased to provide a report of its activities and accomplishments for Fiscal Year 2005 - 2006. As documented in the following pages, the Commission has worked hard to continue to improve its administration and management of South Carolina's workers' compensation system. Fiscal year 2005 - 2006 was a very productive year for the Commission, with significant accomplishments in three major areas: the use of technology to improve operations, process times and medical cost containment.

Even with these gains, challenges remain and the Commission remains committed to providing an equitable and timely system of benefits to injured workers and employers in the most responsive, accurate, and reliable manner possible.

Sincerely,

David W. Huffstetler
Chairman

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WORKERS' COMPENSATION IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Workers' compensation laws are designed to provide a satisfactory means of handling occupational disabilities. A 20th century development in North America, workers' compensation laws evolved as the economy became more industrial and less agricultural.

Before these laws were enacted, a well-established common-law principle held that a master or employer was responsible for the injury or death of employees resulting from a negligent act by the master or employer. Thus, disabled workers who sued employers for damages had to prove their injuries were due to employer negligence. This was often a very slow, costly, and uncertain legal process. As business enterprise and machine production expanded, the number of industrial accidents and personal injury suits increased. By the close of the 19th century, it became apparent that a new system -- one that was legally-based, economically-sound, and socially-acceptable -- had to be developed.

In 1911, the first workers' compensation laws were enacted in the United States on an enduring basis. Workers' compensation laws held that employers should assume the costs of occupational disabilities without regard to any fault involved. Resulting economic losses are considered costs of production, chargeable, to the extent possible, as a price factor. The laws serve to relieve employers of liability from common-law suits involving negligence in exchange for becoming responsible for medical costs and lost wages of on-the-job injuries regardless of fault.

Historically, six basic objectives underlie the workers' compensation laws:

1. Provide sure, prompt, and reasonable income and medical benefits to work-related accident victims, or income benefits to their dependents, regardless of fault;
2. Provide a single remedy and reduce court delays, costs, and judicial workloads arising out of personal injury litigation;
3. Relieve public and private charities of financial demands incident to uncompensated occupational accidents;
4. Minimize payment of fees to lawyers and witnesses as well as time-consuming trials and court appeals;
5. Encourage maximum employer interest in safety and rehabilitation through an appropriate experience-rating mechanism; and,
6. Promote frank study of the causes of accidents (rather than concealment of fault) in an effort to reduce preventable accidents and human suffering.

The South Carolina Industrial Commission was created on September 1, 1935, to administer and enforce South Carolina's first workers' compensation law. During the past seventy-one years, the law has been amended by statute, defined by case law, and altered through administrative policies and procedures; however, the basic premise and purpose of the law has remained unaltered. In May, 1986, the name of the Industrial Commission was changed to the more descriptive South Carolina Workers' Compensation Commission.

Every South Carolina employer and employee, with certain notable exceptions, is presumed to be covered by the State's Workers' Compensation Act. Exceptions to this provision include railroad and railway express companies and employees, certain casual employees, Federal employees in South Carolina, businesses with less than four employees, agricultural employees, and certain real estate salespersons, and, by election, corporate officers.

Employers covered by the provisions of the Act are required to maintain insurance sufficient for the payment of compensation, or they shall furnish the Commission satisfactory proof of their ability to pay the compensation in the amount and manner due an injured employee. The Director of the South Carolina Department of Insurance is responsible for approving rates and classifications for all workers' compensation insurers.

An employee may expect compensation for personal injury or death by accident arising out of and in the course of his or her employment. Workers' compensation pays for necessary medical treatment, loss of wages during a period of disability, and compensation for permanent disability or disfigurement. If an employee is injured and unable to work for more than seven days, he or she is eligible to be compensated at a rate of 66 ⅔% of the employee's average weekly wage, limited to 100% of the State's average weekly wage as established each year by the South Carolina Employment Security Commission. If the period of total disability exceeds fourteen days, the employee is eligible for compensation beginning with the date of the accident.

The maximum award for total disability or death is limited by law to five hundred weeks of compensation. The rate of compensation is determined by the injured employee's average weekly wage and cannot exceed 100% of the state's average weekly wage. The loss of both hands, arms, feet, legs, or vision in both eyes, or a combination of two such losses, constitutes total and permanent disability. In addition, a commissioner can make other disability determinations based on the particular loss or impairment to the whole person.

Amounts of compensation for partial disability or disfigurement are generally established and limited by statute or Commission regulation. Awards are usually made in terms of the number of weeks of compensation to which the employee is entitled based on the extent of the disabling injury.

In South Carolina, the disability or death of an employee resulting from an occupational disease is treated as an injury by accident, and the employee, or in the case of death, the deceased's dependents, may be entitled to compensation. A disease may be recognized as an occupational disease only if it is caused by a hazard recognized as peculiar to a particular trade, process, occupation, or employment as a direct result of continuous exposure to normal working conditions. In addition to occupational diseases, injury from harmful exposures to ionizing radiation is also defined for particular attention under the Workers' Compensation Act.

When an employee is injured on the job, he or she should immediately report the accident to the employer, or the employee may jeopardize the payment of medical fees and other compensation he or she may be entitled to under the Act. In no event should the employee wait more than ninety days from the date of the accident to report it to the employer. Claims for compensation must be made within two years after the accident or the date of death. Failure to comply with the timeliness statutes could negate any possible award or other compensation. The Commission monitors the payment of medical treatment and compensation provided by the employer or its insurance carrier to the injured worker.

An employee may file an application for a hearing before a commissioner if the employer does not report the accident, if the employer denies that the injury was sustained in the course and scope of employment, or if the employee believes that he or she did not receive all of the available benefits. An employee may also file for a hearing if the employer does not begin compensation for more than seven days of disability within fourteen days after the employer has knowledge or notice of the accident, or in the event payment is made, if there is a subsequent disagreement over the continuance of any weekly payment. The hearing will usually take place in the county in which the injury occurred.

The decision of the hearing commissioner may be appealed to the Commission for review. A panel of either three or six commissioners, excluding the original hearing commissioner, will consider the appeal. The decision of the appellate panel may be appealed to a Court of Common Pleas and the State Appellate Courts.

The Workers' Compensation Commission is responsible for administering the workers' compensation law in South Carolina. The Commission works closely with the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Commission's many constituents to ensure that the workers' compensation system is fair, equitable, and responsive to the needs of the citizens of South Carolina.

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Fiscal Year 2005-2006 was another productive year for the Commission. The General Assembly approved an additional \$1.1 million to complete the Commission's multi-year \$2.1 million project to develop and install a new computer system. In addition, the Commission's Hospital Advisory Committee completed its comprehensive review of the inpatient and outpatient fee schedules and submitted recommendations to the Commission.

The agency badly needed a new computer system, according to a report from the Division of the State Chief Information Officer at the State Budget and Control Board. The Commission had asked the CIO's office to assess its computer system and make recommendations for improvement. According to the CIO's office, the computer system that was state-of-the-art when installed in 1990 has since suffered from budget cuts and is now inadequate for the Commission's needs. As the infrastructure aged, the Commission's IT staff did an excellent job of keeping the technical environment operational. However, the technical infrastructure no longer can meet the current and future needs of the Commission and its clients. A new computer system will enable the us to provide more services online, along with giving us the capacity to conduct analyses and provide more meaningful reports to our clients.

On June 26, 2006 the Commission approved a new payment system for healthcare facilities treating workers compensation patients. Effective October 1, 2006 health care facilities will be paid 140% of the federal Medicare payment for inpatient and outpatient services. The Commission's decision, taken in response to rapidly rising medical care charges, is expected to save employers and insurance carriers as much as \$60 million annually. South Carolina is one of many states to adopt a "Medicare plus" model. These changes are based in part of the recommendation of the Commission's Hospital Advisory Committee. In a continuation of its efforts to assure that workers' compensation medical fee schedules adequately pay for services provided, ensure access to quality care and contain costs for business and industry, the South Carolina Workers' Compensation Commission reconvened the Hospital Advisory Committee in November 2004 to advise the Commission on what, if any, changes were necessary to improve the hospital inpatient payment system. The committee was charged with making recommendations on the establishment of an outpatient fee schedule. The fourteen member Advisory Committee is composed of representatives of the hospital industry, medical association, property and casualty insurance carriers, a self-insured fund, business and industry, and State Government.

The new payment system is a meaningful step towards moderating medical costs in workers compensation. Between 2000 and 2005, inpatient procedures for workers' compensation injuries declined by 8% but charges increased 118%. Over the same period, outpatient procedures in workers' compensation declined 9.6% and outpatient charges rose 64.2%.

South Carolina employers, injured workers, and other visitors will find lots of useful information at our newly redesigned website, wcc.sc.gov. Tabs across the page and on the left guide visitors in finding information related to claims, coverage, insurance, medical matters and judicial issues. A substantial undertaking by the Commission, resulted in better and more timely information being provided. The Commission developed an additional feature for its website providing anyone with internet access the ability to find insurance coverage for all South Carolina employers who are commercially insured. Employers can now verify workers' compensation insurance coverage online.

The popularity of the Commission's series of one-day seminars on claims management, *Claims Administration Made Easy*, continued as the Commission held two seminars in Columbia which were well attended. The workshops provide a thorough overview of the workers' compensation system in South Carolina, as well as a comprehensive review of claims-processing requirements. The workshops cover the legal and administrative requirements for submitting complete and accurate claims information. In addition, the Commission teamed up with the South Carolina Workers' Compensation Educational Association to co-sponsor the 29th Annual Workers' Compensation Medical Seminar, a three-day event devoted to medical issues relevant to workers' compensation.

At the beginning of FY 02-03, the time it took for an injured worker to receive a hearing had increased from between 90 to 120 days to in excess of 180 days from the request for a hearing. This past year the Commission continued to work diligently to reduce that time. By mid 2005 it took slightly less than 160 days from the date the hearing request was made to the time the hearing was held. It is expected that all hearing requests will be heard within four to five months by the end of 2006. Given the notice requirements in the Workers' Compensation Act, which accounts for over sixty days of this time, the Commission is holding hearings as expeditiously as possible. By allocating more days for appellate hearings, the time required for the agency to hear an appeal also was considerably reduced, from four months to three months.

Commissioner J. Michele Childs resigned her position at the Commission following her election to circuit court. On May 24, 2006, she was elected by the South Carolina General Assembly to the position of Circuit Court Judge At-Large, Seat 9. She began her new duties Monday, August 14, 2006. Her resignation from the Commission was effective August 13, 2006. Commissioner Childs was appointed to the Commission by Governor Jim Hodges to serve a six year term beginning July 1, 2002. Prior to coming to the Commission she was Deputy Director, Division of Labor at the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation.

During this past year, several promotions and staffing changes took place. After 27 years of service with the Commission, Herman Lightsey, Director, Judicial Department, left the Commission to accept the position of Deputy Director, State Accident Fund. In March 2006, Ashley Jacobs was selected as its new Judicial Department Director. Also joining the Commission were Jennifer Neese, Executive Assistant/Ombudsman and Julie Lewis, Medical Services Director. Two long time employees were promoted to head their respective areas. Greg Line was promoted to Director, Claims Department and Tammie Brasfield was promoted to Director, Coverage Division.

The ongoing success of any organization is a direct and proximate result of the performance of its employees. For her achievements and accomplishments during FY 05-06, the Commission recognized Vivian Brown as its Employee of the Year. Ms. Brown has been a claims examiner in the Claims Department for a majority of her tenure with Commission. Other employees receiving recognition for outstanding contributions included: Kathryn Gantt, Administration, Mary Bates, Insurance & Medical Services, and Eugenia Hollman with the Commission's Judicial Department.

Commission employees routinely participate in community events. The Commission is a longtime supporter of the United Way, and our United Way Campaign during this fiscal year was a success.

The Commission works closely with a number of State agencies. For example, we exchange coverage information with the Employment Security Commission; serve as a satellite office of the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation; maintain established fraud reporting protocols with the Office of the State Attorney General; exchange workplace safety information with the Department of Labor; maintain direct data links to our claims database for the Uninsured Employers Fund and the Second Injury Fund; participate in joint fraud investigations and prosecutions with the FBI and the U.S. Office of the Attorney General; and provide information to the Social Security Administration.

When compared to other states, South Carolina has moderate workers' compensation benefits (neither high nor low) with relatively low insurance premium costs for employers. In national comparisons, both overall and within the manufacturing sector, South Carolina premium rates are consistently among the lowest in the country.

South Carolina must have a workers' compensation system that is stable, objectively balanced, competently managed and cost effective; one that provides a fair, equitable and timely system of benefits to injured workers and their employers. The South Carolina Workers' Compensation Commission is committed to such a system and will continue to that end as directed by the General Assembly.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

A cooperative arrangement between the Workers' Compensation Commission and the Vocational Rehabilitation Department exists to establish the means for a practical and effective working relationship between the two agencies and to provide maximum services to industrially injured, vocationally handicapped persons.

A Vocational Rehabilitation office, with a counselor and casework assistant, is located at the Workers' Compensation Commission to serve as liaison between the Vocational Rehabilitation Department and the Workers' Compensation Commission. This office not only provides services to injured workers, it also makes initial identifications and refers injured workers to vocational rehabilitation facilities throughout the state. These referrals are generated from Commission staff, commissioners, attorneys, insurance carriers, physicians, and others.

Among the chief advantages to the cooperative working arrangement is the opportunity to obtain early referral of injured workers so they can begin the rehabilitation process with the shortest time lapse between injury and re-employment. Referrals with first reports of injury and medical information are screened and assigned to the counselor in the area of the state where the claimant resides. In each instance, the receiving counselor is requested to supply a progress report within thirty days after the initial contact and to continue to report significant events.

The Vocational Rehabilitation Department places strong emphasis on providing services to injured workers, and the designated counselors facilitate the exchange of information and the delivery of rehabilitation services to workers' compensation recipients. Local vocational rehabilitation workshops are assessed for evaluation and adjustment training, and a network of statewide comprehensive facilities which specializes in a variety of rehabilitation services directed toward severely disabled clients is available.

As a result of these cooperative efforts, 383 referrals were made during Fiscal Year 2005-2006.

**LEGISLATION PASSED DURING THE 2006 GENERAL ASSEMBLY
WHICH AFFECTS THE
SOUTH CAROLINA WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW**

Act No. 327
§42-3-25, §42-3-80
Effective 6/2/06

Provides for the executive director to be appointed by the commission, serve at its pleasure and receive an annual salary not to exceed eighty-five percent of the salary paid to commissioners. Also provides for the executive director to report to the chairman, be responsible to the commission and direct the operation of the commission's administrative department.

Act No. 411
Effective 3/29/06

Act 411 is a Joint Resolution to clarify the November 1, 2005 action of the State Budget and Control Board relating to the Second Injury Fund's assessment. The State Budget and Control Board requested that the Second Injury Fund make due immediately and payable only fifty percent of the amount assessed with the remaining fifty percent assessed only if and when the Budget and Control Board determined that fiscal year disbursements project a fund balance of less than \$50 million.

SOUTH CAROLINA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

Our Vision: Be the driving force in a workers' compensation system of excellence that delivers superior service to employers and their workers, thereby enhancing economic development in South Carolina.

Our Mission: Provide an equitable and timely system of benefits to injured workers and to employers in the most responsive, accurate, and reliable manner possible.

Commissioners:

Mission: Establish policies consistent with the mission of the organization and resolve or adjudicate all matters brought under the Workers' Compensation Act.

The Commission consists of seven members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate for terms of six years and until their successors are appointed and qualified. The Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, designates one commissioner as chairman for a term of two years, and the chairman may serve two terms in a six-year period, but not consecutively. The chairman is the chief executive officer of the Commission and responsible for implementing the policies established by the Commission in its capacity as the governing board.

The Commissioners are responsible for hearing and determining all contested cases, conducting informal conferences, approving settlements, and hearing appellant applications. In their capacity as administrative law judges, the Commissioners must conduct the legal proceedings in the county in which the claimant was injured. For administrative purposes, the State is divided into seven districts. Commissioners are assigned to a district for a period of two months before being reassigned to another district. During the course of a fourteen-month period, the Commissioners serve in each of the State's forty-six counties.

It is the responsibility of the Commission to administer the South Carolina Workers' Compensation Law, generally found in Title 42 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina. In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, the Commission also promulgates rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of Title 42.

Executive Director

Mission: Provide the leadership vital to accomplishing the organization's mission.

The day-to-day administration and operation of the Commission is the responsibility of the executive director who is appointed by, and serves at the pleasure of, the seven Commissioners acting in their capacity as the board of directors of the agency. The executive director functions as the Commission's chief operating officer.

Under the general supervision and management of the executive director are the Commission's six functional departments: (1) Administration, (2) Claims, (3) Insurance & Medical Services, (4)

Judicial, (5) Legal, and (6) Information Services. Each department is under the supervision of a director and is organized into one or more operational divisions.

Administration Department

Mission: Provide the administrative support necessary to enable employees to accomplish the organization's mission.

The Administration Department is responsible for a variety of internal programs, including finance, budgeting, human resources, purchasing, inventory, facility maintenance, motor vehicles, mail and printing, office services, and affirmative action, as well as administrative operations and decision making processes of the Commission.

Claims Department

Mission: Improve the timeliness and accuracy of benefits provided to injured workers.

The administration and management of accident reports and any resulting claims are responsibilities of the Claims Department. After an accident is reported to the Claims Department, its progress through the system is monitored at various stages by claims personnel. Individual case records are reviewed to ensure the requirements of the Workers' Compensation Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission are being observed. Conflicts of a non-judicial matter are often resolved in the Claims Department.

Insurance and Medical Services Department

Mission: Assure availability of workers' compensation benefits to injured workers, provide employers a self-insurance alternative, and contain medical costs.

The Department of Insurance and Medical Services is responsible for maintaining, monitoring, and enforcing the various requirements that employers obtain and maintain sufficient workers' compensation insurance coverage. The Coverage Division maintains insurance records of employers who purchase coverage from commercial insurance carriers. The responsibility for investigating uninsured employers to determine if they are subject to the Workers' Compensation Act is the responsibility of the Compliance Division. Under certain conditions, South Carolina employers may self-insure themselves against losses resulting from on-the-job injuries. Qualifying and regulating the self-insured employers is the responsibility of the Self-Insurance Division. The department's Medical Services Division is responsible for maintaining the fee schedules that regulate charges by doctors and hospitals and for approving various fees and charges in accordance with the established schedules.

Judicial Department

Mission: Assess and assign for disposition all claims that require mediation, adjudication, or appellate review.

The Judicial Department is responsible for scheduling contested matters and viewings before a commissioner and for scheduling appeals before an appellate panel of Commissioners. Case preparation in anticipation of a hearing consists of reviewing a file, requesting additional documentation from the parties, preparing a case summary, sending notices to the parties, and maintaining the docket. The Commission's claims mediation services also are a responsibility of the Judicial Department.

Information Services Department

Mission: Provide the necessary support to agency employees to enable them to accomplish the organization's mission.

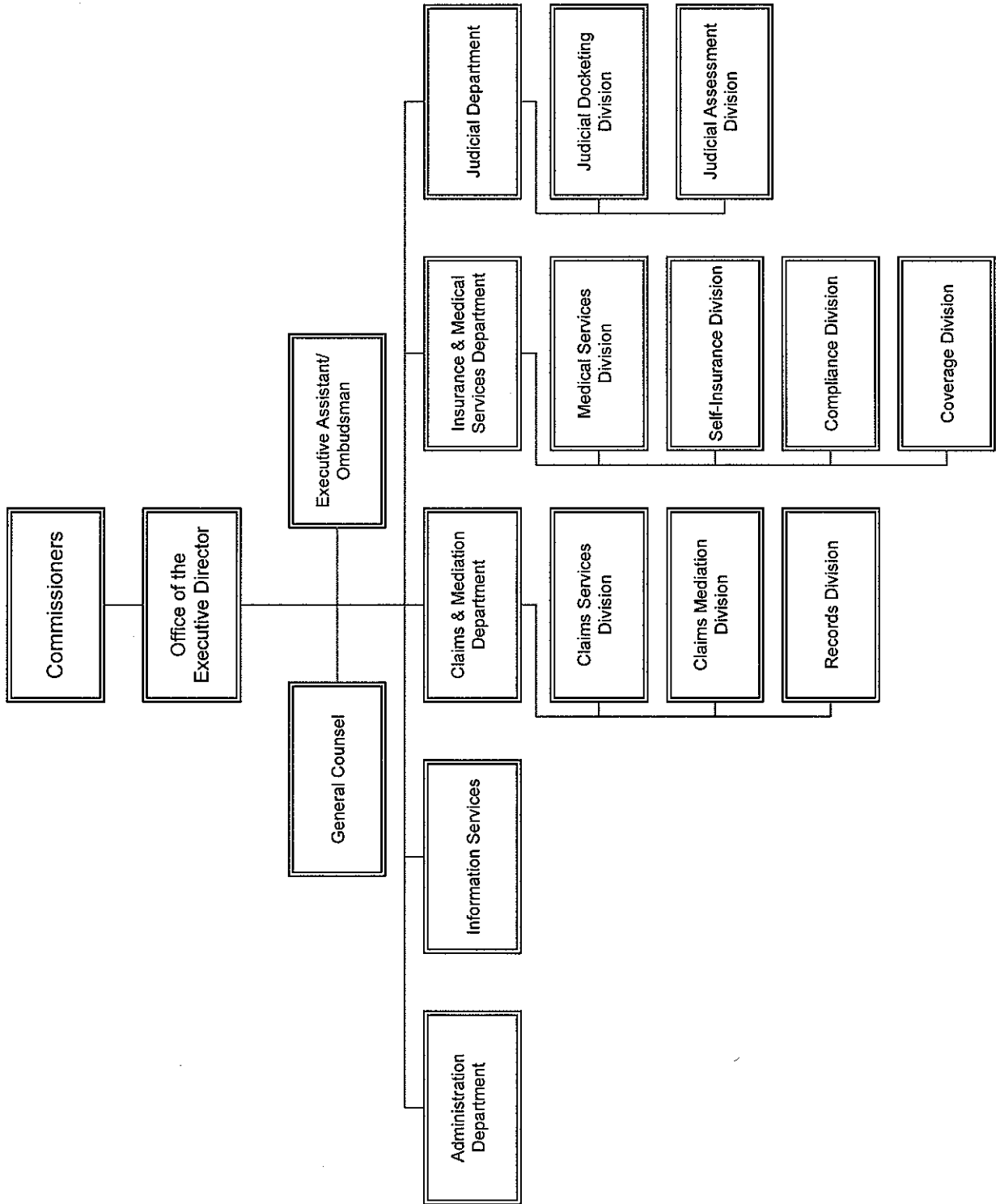
The Information Services Department is responsible for the use and management of information, data processing functions, research and statistics, and records, both electronic and manual. One of the primary goals of this department is to increase the availability, accuracy, timeliness, and the quality of data and information used in the delivery of services.

Legal Department

Mission: Provide legal counsel to the agency, prosecute uninsured employers, and draft changes to legislation and regulations.

The staff attorney serves as legal counsel and advisor to the Commission. In addition, the staff attorney brings show cause actions on behalf of the Commission, drafts proposed legislation and regulations, and monitors the legal and legislative developments in the field of workers' compensation.

South Carolina Workers' Compensation Commission



**SOUTH CAROLINA
WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION**

COMMISSIONERS

July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2006

David W. Huffstetler, Chairman

Lexington

Appointed: August 27, 2004

Term of Office: 2006

Lisa D. Glover, Vice Chair

Columbia

Appointed: June 5, 2000

Term of Office: 2006

J. Alan Bass

Myrtle Beach

Appointed: May 17, 2002

Term of Office: 2008

J. Michelle Childs

Columbia

Appointed: May 17, 2002

Term of Office: 2008

George N. Funderburk

Greenville

Appointed: May 17, 2002

Term of Office: 2008

G. Bryan Lyndon

Anderson

Appointed: April 10, 2004

Term of Office: 2010

Susan S. Barden

Columbia

Appointed: May 27, 2004

Term of Office: 2010

**SOUTH CAROLINA
WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION**

DEPARTMENT AND DIVISION DIRECTORS

As of June 30, 2006

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Gary R. Thibault, Executive Director

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Janice Sanders Sutton, Finance & Human Resources Director

Vacant, Administrative Services Manager

CLAIMS & MEDIATION DEPARTMENT

Greg Line, Director

Laverne Spry, Deputy Commissioner & Claims Mediator

Sallie Wider, Records Control Supervisor

INSURANCE AND MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Vacant, Director

W. C. Smith, Self-Insurance Director

Garry Smith, Compliance Director

Tammra Brasfield, Coverage Director

Julie Lewis, Medical Services Director

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

Ashley M. Jacobs, Director

Eugenia Hollmon, Judicial Docketing Director

INFORMATION RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

Matt Cleary, CIO

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

Janet Godfrey Griggs, General Counsel

**SOUTH CAROLINA
WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION**

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FISCAL YEAR 2005-06

ACCOUNTS	APPROPRIATION	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>			
Director	99,399	81,877	17,522
Classified Positions	404,948	375,114	29,834
Terminal Leave	2,000	1,701	299
Contractual Services	2,567	2,341	226
Supplies & Materials	0	0	0
Fixed Charges & Contributions	0	0	0
Travel	0	0	0
Equipment	0	0	0
Total Administration	508,914	461,033	47,881
<u>JUDICIAL</u>			
<u>A. COMMISSIONERS</u>			
Chairman	108,174	108,174	0
Commissioners	620,244	620,244	0
Classified Positions	285,144	284,104	1,040
Terminal Leave	20,000	0	20,000
Contractual Services	6,398	6,048	350
Supplies & Materials	3,696	3,696	0
Fixed Charges & Contributions	0	0	0
Travel	8,549	8,549	0
Total Commissioners	1,052,205	1,030,815	21,390
<u>B. MANAGEMENT</u>			
Classified Positions	129,980	96,551	33,429
Unclass. Positions	4,962	4,962	0
Terminal Leave	0	0	0
Contractual Services	0	0	0
Supplies & Materials	0	0	0
Fixed Charges & Contributions	0	0	0
Total Management	134,942	101,513	33,429
<u>INSURANCE & MEDICAL SERVICES</u>			
Classified Positions	320,758	231,674	89,084
Terminal Leave	785	785	0
Contractual Services	6,780	611	6,169
Fixed Charges & Contributions	0	0	0
Travel	0	0	0
Total Ins. & Med. Svc	328,323	233,070	95,253

ACCOUNTS	APPROPRIATION	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
<u>CLAIMS</u>			
Classified Positions	257,375	257,375	0
Unclassified Position	54,583	54,583	0
Contractual Services	2,340	200	2,140
Supplies & Materials	0	0	0
Fixed Charges & Contributions	0	0	0
Total Claims	<u>314,298</u>	<u>312,158</u>	<u>2,140</u>
<u>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</u>			
Employer Contributions	<u>624,900</u>	<u>583,047</u>	<u>41,853</u>
Total Employee Benefits	<u>624,900</u>	<u>583,047</u>	<u>41,853</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	<u>2,963,582</u>	<u>2,721,636</u>	<u>241,946</u>
<u>OTHER FUNDS</u>			
<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>			
Classified Positions	78,150	72,674	5,476
Temporary Positions	25,540	25,540	0
Contractual Services	121,793	121,793	0
Supplies & Materials	115,882	115,882	0
Fixed Charges & Contributions	221,619	221,619	0
Travel	43,081	43,081	0
Equipment	3,414	3,414	0
Taxes	11,701	11,701	0
Equipment Non-Capital	13,000	-66,712	79,712
Total Administration	<u>634,180</u>	<u>548,992</u>	<u>85,188</u>
<u>A. COMMISSIONERS</u>			
Taxable Subsistence	40,195	27,190	13,005
Classified Positions	0	0	0
Temporary Positions	0	0	0
Contractual Services	132,805	132,805	0
Supplies & Materials	1,182	1,182	0
Fixed Charges & Contr.	134,422	129,457	4,965
Travel	79,367	79,367	0
Transportation	32	32	0
Total Commissioners	<u>388,003</u>	<u>370,033</u>	<u>17,970</u>
<u>B. MANAGEMENT</u>			
Classified Positions	188,726	188,726	0
Temporary Positions	26,959	26,959	0
Contractual Services	10,387	5,096	5,291
Supplies & Materials	0	0	0

ACCOUNTS	APPROPRIATION	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
Fixed Charges & Contr.	48,462	48,462	0
Travel	1,296	1,296	0
Total Management	<u>275,830</u>	<u>270,539</u>	<u>5,291</u>

INSURANCE & MEDICAL SERVICES

Classified Positions	130,830	130,830	0
Temporary Positions	13,767	13,767	0
Contractual Services	6,734	6,734	0
Supplies & Materials	13,066	13,066	0
Fixed Charges & Contribution	55,898	55,898	0
Travel	8,422	8,422	0
Taxes	666	666	0
Equipment Non-Capital	0	0	0
Total Ins. & Med. Svc	<u>229,383</u>	<u>229,383</u>	<u>0</u>

CLAIMS

Classified Positions	64,882	64,882	0
Temporary Positions	38,884	38,884	0
Contractual Services	9,892	9,892	0
Supplies & Materials	13,553	13,553	0
Fixed Charges & Contribution	103,621	103,621	0
Travel	1,648	1,636	12
Total Claims	<u>232,480</u>	<u>232,468</u>	<u>12</u>

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Employer Contributions	140,124	140,124	0
Total Employee Benefits	<u>140,124</u>	<u>140,124</u>	<u>0</u>

COMPUTER DATABASE

Contractual Services	430,289	430,289	0
Supplies & Materials	40,965	40,965	0
Fix Charges & Contributions	373	373	0
Equipment	177,241	177,241	0
Total Computer Database	<u>648,868</u>	<u>648,868</u>	<u>0</u>

TOTAL OTHER FUNDS	<u>2,548,868</u>	<u>2,440,407</u>	<u>108,461</u>
TOTAL AGENCY	<u>5,512,450</u>	<u>2,721,636</u>	<u>350,407</u>

Appropriation of Remaining Cash Balance For FY04-05			<u>241,946</u>
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OTHER FUNDS RETAINED

	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
Penalties, Fees, Fines *	4,499,643	1,781,853	2,717,790
Training, Conference **	15,736	8,432	7,304
Sale of Publications ***	102,921	1,253	101,668
Capital Reserve Fund	886,180	648,868	237,312
Total Other Funds	<u>5,504,480</u>	<u>2,440,406</u>	<u>3,064,074</u>

OTHER FUNDS - GENERAL FUNDS

Workers' Comp. Self- Insurance Tax	5,907,590	0	5,907,590
Insolvency Fund	-836,940	0	-836,940
Self-Insurance Application Fee	6,548	0	6,548
Miscellaneous Revenue	104	0	104
Total Funds	<u>5,077,302</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,077,302</u>

* Receipts include \$2,533,751 carried forward from FY 2005

** Receipts include \$1,119 carried forward from FY 2005

*** Receipts include \$92,546 carried forward from FY 2005

ACTIVITY SUMMARY & STATISTICAL ABSTRACT

The following tables and charts illustrate the work activity of the Workers' Compensation Commission for FY 2005 - 2006. Activity is measured primarily by the number of cases handled at each stage in the system. Once an accident is reported, there are a number of steps that must be taken before a claim can be closed. The most serious accidents and those that are disputed require additional processing and are open for a longer period of time.

South Carolina continues to be among those states with the lowest rates in the country for workers' compensation insurance. We have been fortunate to be in this position for a number of years now, and making this even more significant is the fact our workers' compensation benefits are relatively moderate, neither high nor low when compared to other states.

According to the 2004 Workers' Compensation Premium Rate Ranking conducted by the Oregon Department of Consumer & Business Services, South Carolina employers in the voluntary market pay, on average, the 13th lowest rates in the nation. Other rate studies have confirmed this finding. Actuarial and Technical Solutions of New York found South Carolina had the tenth lowest workers' compensation costs in the nation among firms in the manufacturing industry.

The number of employers purchasing workers' compensation insurance increased 2.1% from 96,504 to 98,546. The number of employers self-insured, individually and through self-insured funds, decreased 8.1% from 4,694 to 4,312, primarily as a result of fewer members of self-insured funds. Self-insurance taxes collected increased 6.5%, from \$5.6 to \$5.9 million.

In FY 2005-2006, 76,715 accidents were filed with the Commission, down 12.3% from 87,441 filed the previous year. Individually reported accidents decreased 19.3% from 35,267 to 28,454 after having increased 20.4% the previous year. The number of minor medical only cases decreased 19.5%, from 56,623 to 45,561.

After having increase 19.5% in 2004-2005, total compensation and medical paid on cases closed last year increased 5.2% to \$771,537,200. Medical costs rose 8.6% to \$311,193,076 with compensation costs increasing 3.2% to \$500,586,866. The increase in medical costs can be attributed to medical inflation as well as greater utilization of services per case. Compensation costs were impacted by a 4% increase in the average weekly wage mitigated by a decrease in the number of cases closed during the year.

The vast majority of workers' compensation claims are processed and resolved with the injured employee receiving timely and appropriate medical care and returning to work with little or no time lost from work. Even the majority of the remainder of the more complex cases are resolved between the parties. Of the 76,715 cases filed with the Commission during the past fiscal year, 11,400, 14.9%, requested a hearing to resolve a dispute between the parties. Of the 11,400 hearings scheduled, 2,632 hearings were held, an 8.7% decrease from the previous year. Overall, 2,802 single commissioner decisions, opinions and orders were released. In FY 2005 - 2006, 4,956 informal conferences were held, a 2.2% decrease, and 9,769 common law settlements approved, relatively unchanged from the year before. Cases appealed to the Full Commission for review increased 46% to 1,600, and decisions appealed to Circuit Court increased by 26.2% to 246.

Recapitulation

	<u>2003-2004</u>	<u>2004-2005</u>	<u>2005-2006</u>
1. Number of Employers Purchasing Insurance	92,651	96,504	98,546
2. Number of Employers Qualifying as Self-Insurers	4,710	4,694	4,312
3. Investigations Active Beginning of Fiscal Year	309	213	160
4. Investigations Initiated	800	760	871
5. Investigations Set for Show Cause Hearings/ Consent Agreements Received	372	391	405
6. Total Investigations Closed	896	813	824
7. Investigations Active at Close of Fiscal Year	213	160	207
8. Number of Accident Cases Filed with the Commission	88,625	87,441	76,715
A. New Cases	86,617	85,077	74,321
B. Reopened cases	2,008	2,364	2,394
9. Number of Cases Closed during Fiscal Year	87,991	91,890	74,015
A. Individually Reported Accidents	29,300	35,267	28,454
B. Minor Medical Only Accidents Reported in Summary	58,691	56,623	45,561
10. Total Compensation & Medical Cost Paid on Closed Cases	\$645,579,071	\$771,537,200	\$811,779,942
A. Medical Costs	\$234,362,277	\$286,467,000	\$311,193,076
B. Compensation	\$411,216,794	\$485,070,200	\$500,586,866
11. Temporary Total Compensation Agreements	14,726	14,207	14,831
12. Supplemental Compensation Agreements	8,853	8,207	8,066
13. Applications for Stop Payment *	3,462	3,093	2,984
14. Cases Docketed for Hearings	11,287	14,335	11,400
15. Cases Assigned for Informal Conferences	5,911	5,680	5,456
16. Hearings Conducted by Single Commissioners	2,694	2,882	2,632
17. Informal Conferences Conducted	5,134	5,066	4,956
18. Decisions, Opinions & Orders, Single Commissioners	2,502	2,762	2,802
19. Cases Appealed to Full Commission for Review	965	1,094	1,600
20. Reviews Conducted by Full Commission or Panel	870	820	868
21. Decisions and Opinions by Full Commission or Panel	631	748	642
22. Commission Decisions Appealed to Circuit Court	262	195	246
23. Common Law Settlements	9,275	9,834	9,769
24. Attorney Fee Approvals	10,299	10,737	10,688
25. Self-Insurance Tax Collected and Deposited to the General Fund	\$5,180,134	\$5,555,236	\$5,914,523

* Includes 60-Day Hearings

AGGREGATED BENEFITS - FY 1935 THROUGH FY 2006

This chart reports the number of cases closed per fiscal year and the amount of compensation and medical expenses paid.

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Cases</u>	<u>Compensation</u>	<u>Medical</u>
1934-35.....	11,458	\$ 250,577	\$ 170,670
1939-40.....	25,994	\$ 394,223	\$ 405,019
1944-45.....	36,864	\$ 1,358,293	\$ 474,681
1949-50.....	35,667	\$ 1,755,179	\$ 912,597
1954-55.....	44,035	\$ 3,275,755	\$ 1,573,474
1959-60.....	43,884	\$ 5,072,006	\$ 2,608,076
1964-65.....	59,725	\$ 6,768,829	\$ 3,828,226
1965-66.....	65,365	\$ 6,867,203	\$ 4,278,421
1966-67.....	69,297	\$ 7,704,629	\$ 4,407,379
1967-68.....	64,915	\$ 9,655,456	\$ 5,101,658
1968-69.....	73,013	\$ 9,615,519	\$ 5,677,654
1969-70.....	80,293	\$ 10,738,366	\$ 6,289,786
1970-71.....	72,379	\$ 11,201,101	\$ 6,964,646
1971-72.....	83,273	\$ 11,527,419	\$ 7,634,332
1972-73.....	79,597	\$ 11,792,332	\$ 9,012,884
1974-75.....	93,591	\$ 18,289,965	\$ 10,493,286
1975-76.....	83,366	\$ 20,351,297	\$ 11,038,204
1976-77.....	88,388	\$ 23,362,924	\$ 10,464,476
1977-78.....	101,938	\$ 33,263,746	\$ 16,111,918
1978-79.....	111,739	\$ 40,421,561	\$ 18,771,706
1979-80.....	114,459	\$ 47,077,247	\$ 21,878,795
1980-81.....	120,216	\$ 54,637,463	\$ 25,995,462
1981-82.....	111,400	\$ 61,695,438	\$ 29,252,885
1982-83.....	98,632	\$ 69,970,953	\$ 31,990,075
1983-84.....	80,172	\$ 73,003,062	\$ 33,776,506
1984-85.....	81,925	\$ 68,180,229	\$ 35,485,599
1985-86.....	88,521	\$ 96,422,558	\$ 47,820,349
1986-87.....	115,128	\$137,045,282	\$ 66,854,808
1987-88.....	112,247	\$120,649,315	\$ 66,740,699
1988-89.....	102,630	\$164,599,203	\$ 78,849,921
1989-90.....	129,951	\$176,323,354	\$ 91,160,407
1990-91.....	113,143	\$187,827,035	\$ 99,556,117
1991-92.....	103,695	\$213,342,923	\$119,931,934
1992-93.....	116,593	\$236,374,239	\$135,846,583
1993-94.....	143,167	\$295,903,349	\$177,061,906
1994-95.....	137,004	\$223,564,528	\$142,896,705
1995-96.....	105,874	\$233,868,938	\$149,644,830
1996-97.....	93,709	\$250,579,855	\$150,574,664
1997-98.....	93,551	\$237,017,627	\$147,749,239
1998-99.....	120,128	\$253,371,802	\$162,104,819
1999-2000.....	65,658	\$278,849,036	\$164,957,331
2000-2001.....	92,555	\$316,041,961	\$186,702,667
2001-2002.....	88,891	\$327,510,789	\$199,210,160
2002-2003.....	88,913	\$359,713,537	\$211,908,560
2003-2004.....	87,991	\$411,216,794	\$204,934,938
2004-2005.....	91,890	\$485,070,200	\$286,467,000
2005-2006.....	74,015	\$500,586,866	\$311,193,076

COMPENSATION RATES

The General Assembly is responsible for establishing compensation rates. The table below illustrates the change in both weekly and maximum compensation since 1975.

<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>	<u>MAXIMUM WEEKLY RATE</u>	<u>MAXIMUM COMPENSATION</u>
January 1, 1975	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 91.17	\$ 40,000.00
July 1, 1975	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 95.35	\$ 40,000.00
April 14, 1976	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 147.44	\$ 40,000.00
January 1, 1977	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 160.00	\$ 40,000.00
January 1, 1978	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 172.00	\$ 40,000.00
May 19, 1978	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 172.00	500 Weeks
January 1, 1979	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 185.00	500 Weeks
January 1, 1980	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 197.00	500 Weeks
January 1, 1981	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 216.00	500 Weeks
January 1, 1982	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 235.00	500 Weeks
January 1, 1983	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 254.38	500 Weeks
January 1, 1984	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 268.99	500 Weeks *
January 1, 1985	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 287.02	500 Weeks
January 1, 1986	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 294.95	500 Weeks
January 1, 1987	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 308.24	500 Weeks
January 1, 1988	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 319.20	500 Weeks
January 1, 1989	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 334.87	500 Weeks
January 1, 1990	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 350.19	500 Weeks
January 1, 1991	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 364.37	500 Weeks
January 1, 1992	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 379.82	500 Weeks
January 1, 1993	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 393.06	500 Weeks
January 1, 1994	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 410.26	500 Weeks
January 1, 1995	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 422.48	500 Weeks
January 1, 1996	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 437.79	500 Weeks
January 1, 1997	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 450.62	500 Weeks
January 1, 1998	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 465.18	500 Weeks
January 1, 1999	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 483.47	500 Weeks
January 1, 2000	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 507.34	500 Weeks
January 1, 2001	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 532.77	500 Weeks
January 1, 2002	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 549.42	500 Weeks
January 1, 2003	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 563.55	500 Weeks
January 1, 2004	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 577.73	500 Weeks
January 1, 2005	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 592.56	500 Weeks
January 1, 2006	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 616.48	500 Weeks

* Effective May 31, 1984, (Act No. 417), "Any person determined to be totally and permanently disabled who as a result of a compensable injury is a paraplegic, a quadriplegic, or who has suffered physical brain damage is not subject to the five hundred week limitation and shall receive such benefits for life." (Section 42-9-10, as amended)

CASES ASSIGNED FOR HEARINGS AND INFORMAL CONFERENCES

County	Hearings					Informal Conferences				
	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006
Abbeville	39	38	37	41	27	29	31	28	23	18
Aiken	254	248	249	287	220	147	155	162	152	132
Allendale	30	22	27	42	24	22	9	14	18	8
Anderson	445	447	446	472	364	305	227	218	248	199
Bamberg	35	15	13	23	25	34	13	17	19	17
Barnwell	46	51	35	45	43	26	12	13	13	15
Beaufort	354	335	359	388	351	162	188	200	161	149
Berkeley	232	193	261	276	246	148	139	169	137	131
Calhoun	20	26	27	23	12	8	13	9	7	14
Charleston	1,037	1011	1,222	1,235	507	659	642	581	518	460
Cherokee	131	147	121	152	114	116	127	113	88	77
Chester	110	91	100	84	80	50	66	51	45	36
Chesterfield	78	90	104	82	79	51	71	60	54	65
Clarendon	60	70	67	69	69	17	26	19	24	23
Colleton	84	119	86	103	92	66	62	58	54	32
Darlington	114	120	107	104	102	68	80	62	52	38
Dillon	37	29	35	45	46	19	37	26	23	14
Dorchester	159	166	202	243	778	146	120	111	131	110
Edgefield	24	21	31	29	29	18	23	6	11	15
Fairfield	59	64	74	52	51	40	34	23	34	25
Florence	296	349	377	332	302	194	208	192	185	201
Georgetown	178	129	204	252	157	148	141	120	99	74
Greenville	1,210	1214	1,141	1,326	1,241	894	879	851	802	783
Greenwood	175	145	125	149	155	140	133	136	116	96
Hampton	31	38	36	54	45	34	39	33	43	23
Horry	534	540	537	518	466	274	255	244	266	261
Jasper	33	32	27	59	36	13	11	8	7	24
Kershaw	117	111	119	155	117	58	101	94	61	52
Lancaster	86	95	58	96	91	78	77	65	58	38
Laurens	132	167	120	119	132	83	77	63	74	86
Lee	28	29	23	42	31	17	13	13	8	13
Lexington	434	470	505	500	474	420	300	349	331	269
McCormick	13	21	17	19	10	7	19	6	5	5
Marion	54	41	48	68	41	29	37	30	22	25
Marlboro	35	42	54	33	38	31	21	28	33	34
Newberry	58	78	70	95	81	67	86	59	76	85
Oconee	150	144	147	169	131	135	122	97	113	93
Orangeburg	222	231	221	242	44	152	113	149	88	108
Pickens	204	190	173	189	185	159	170	149	125	120
Richland	934	866	983	968	883	681	558	515	570	505
Saluda	24	17	12	16	16	12	13	6	9	5
Spartanburg	646	680	662	796	602	461	434	384	402	319
Sumter	291	277	239	277	378	164	181	146	141	120
Union	36	37	44	50	142	37	41	31	18	25
Williamsburg	42	32	50	60	31	39	21	27	35	25
York	338	317	296	318	282	195	180	176	181	171
TOTALS	9,649	9,595	9,891	10,697	9,370	6,653	6,305	5,911	5,680	5,138

SOUTH CAROLINA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
NUMBER AND COST OF DISABILITY BY INDUSTRY GROUP FOR CASES CLOSED FROM 07/01/05 THRU 06/30/06

	---DEATH---		---DISFIGUREMENT---		--DISMEMBERMENT--		LOSS OF USE AND -PERMANENT PARTIAL-		-----TEMPORARY		TOTAL-----	
	# INC	COMP	# INC	COMP	# INC	COMP	# INC	COMP	# INC	COMP	# INC	MEDICAL
AGRICULTURE	1	29,922					19	133,346	79	663,196		848,162
MINING-QUARRYING									1	658		4,123
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION	4	431,505	1	12,928			58	826,552	237	4,132,012		8,143,616
ROAD CONSTRUCTION	2	245,149					5	119,168	38	479,682		816,214
SPECIAL TRADE CONSTRUCTION	9	1,090,223	5	9,760			94	1,159,074	310	5,287,471		7,997,471
FOOD	2	127,681	5	14,070			54	652,450	170	1,527,893		3,274,925
TEXTILE MILLS	5	615,266	4	40,233			65	1,105,951	95	1,441,410		2,600,905
CLOTHING MANUFACTURING			1	4,044			5	50,249	10	111,858		203,279
LUMBER AND WOOD	3	285,572	4	9,571			38	384,693	102	1,295,950		2,038,391
FURNITURE MANUFACTURING							5	84,019	14	199,050		209,476
PAPER-PULP MILLS			3	29,897			7	113,112	25	425,414		667,047
PRINTING PUBLISHING							7	64,731	10	188,841		360,076
CHEMICALS & ALLIED	1	68,901	10	42,568			29	387,048	56	821,183		1,174,690
PETROLEUM REFINING			4	4,458			10	141,577	37	274,377		499,516
RUBBER-PLASTIC PRODUCTS	2	229,836	4	13,687			36	550,235	58	837,132		1,254,763
STONE GLASS CLAY CONCRETE			2	6,067			32	334,549	64	1,062,333		1,224,228
METAL INDUSTRY			10	26,660			28	311,471	63	852,801		1,106,240
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	1	221,400	2	1,190			21	295,459	49	952,496		1,558,274
MACHINERY INSTALLATION							16	151,215	29	530,299		613,741
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY			1	4,953			15	325,877	19	426,090		397,420
TRANSPORT. REPAIR & MFG.			3	6,327			62	903,677	105	1,008,275		1,069,216
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURING	3	536,687	20	40,541			190	2,661,606	273	3,948,198		5,222,855
TRANSPORTATION	2	250,075	1	187			14	339,545	69	738,105		1,445,727
MOTOR FREIGHT	3	582,915	5	19,394			79	1,357,338	213	3,557,761		3,906,439
COMMUNICATION	1	246,216					19	280,563	39	330,427		849,871
ELECRIC LIGHT & POWER	1	82,611	2	3,253			26	424,025	54	923,657		2,143,885
WHOLESALE	5	561,680	11	28,806			207	2,389,648	509	5,290,574		8,863,944
BUILDING MATERIAL	2	135,396	2	1,142			34	350,915	80	423,055		1,154,644
AUTO DEALERS	1	115,921	6	8,517			38	557,420	103	1,166,815		2,169,720
RESTURANTS	1	65,700	5	6,819			48	475,978	196	1,428,161		4,302,618
FINANCE	2	160,571	2	2,599			34	400,855	80	883,338		1,595,732
HOTELS							18	203,504	51	529,598		1,218,825
PERSONAL SERVICES			18	31,627			247	3,197,200	629	5,518,275		10,404,984
MISCELLANEOUS	53	5,043,639	134	390,773			2,796	34,432,243	7,787	78,171,294		141,316,753
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	10	1,487,513	34	71,119			547	7,702,980	1,254	8,697,472		17,220,404
INDUSTRY TOTAL	114	12,614,379	299	831,190			4,903	62,868,273	12,908	134,125,151		237,878,174
MED. ONLY CASES												
TOTALS	114	12,614,379	299	831,190			4,903	62,868,273	12,908	134,125,151		237,878,174

SOUTH CAROLINA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
 NUMBER AND COST OF DISABILITY BY INDUSTRY GROUP FOR CASES CLOSED FROM 07/01/05 THRU 06/30/06
 (CONTINUED)

	REL-----			MEDICAL ONLY-----			TOTALS-----		
	# INC	COMP	# INC	MEDICAL	# INC	COMP	# INC	MEDICAL	DAYS LOST
AGRICULTURE	47	1,656,617	26	50,987	162	2,483,081	989,594	14,539	
MINING-QUARRIVING					1	658	4,123	24	
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION	217	8,430,229	51	152,451	479	13,649,196	8,642,165	85,592	
ROAD CONSTRUCTION	42	769,960	9	24,704	86	1,613,959	931,118	12,227	
SPECIAL TRADE CONSTRUCTION	271	9,956,798	89	541,622	658	17,493,826	9,030,131	70,966	
FOOD	134	4,358,820	88	131,408	414	6,680,914	3,623,076	46,019	
TEXTILE MILLS	101	3,526,840	75	87,615	327	6,729,700	3,559,411	50,521	
CLOTHING MANUFACTURING	12	279,046	1	1,498	25	445,197	244,204	3,574	
LUMBER AND WOOD	88	2,126,831	38	125,450	228	4,102,617	2,367,265	25,148	
FURNITURE MANUFACTURING	13	287,809	5	8,992	38	570,878	235,064	5,815	
PAPER-PULP MILLS	25	1,011,610	7	8,929	205	1,580,033	716,673	7,699	
PRINTING PUBLISHING	12	338,848	7	6,475	37	592,420	395,699	4,592	
CHEMICALS & ALLIED	51	1,795,794	31	82,656	175	3,105,494	1,436,444	16,141	
PETROLEUM REFINING	25	710,302	18	27,264	75	1,130,714	560,264	4,043	
RUBBER-PLASTIC PRODUCTS	52	1,802,350	19	39,442	155	3,433,240	1,402,094	22,982	
STONE GLASS CLAY CONCRETE	55	2,335,292	29	80,371	159	3,738,241	1,420,739	25,916	
METAL INDUSTRY	45	2,115,379	23	873,669	236	3,306,311	2,071,381	19,583	
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	50	1,921,046	13	30,010	110	3,374,925	1,639,629	17,956	
MACHINERY INSTALLATION	31	971,494	10	22,546	75	1,653,008	689,240	10,481	
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	17	709,631	4	13,022	38	1,466,551	464,508	9,329	
TRANSPORT. REPAIR & MFG.	65	3,903,763	11	34,854	203	5,822,042	1,172,006	19,193	
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURING	177	5,433,077	92	211,281	615	12,620,109	5,923,571	15,165	
TRANSPORTATION	47	1,760,280	23	21,191	152	3,088,192	1,584,737	17,153	
MOTOR FREIGHT	112	4,690,468	87	127,733	458	10,207,876	4,273,888	55,823	
COMMUNICATION	20	800,770	12	21,523	87	1,657,976	917,498	9,383	
ELECTRIC LIGHT & POWER	31	1,233,054	33	40,286	183	2,643,922	2,227,720	16,532	
WHOLESALE	368	8,585,734	189	618,100	1,124	16,856,442	10,489,804	105,269	
BUILDING MATERIAL	49	1,337,689	22	76,392	154	2,248,197	1,558,816	11,313	
AUTO DEALERS	87	2,995,517	28	71,311	235	4,844,190	2,412,865	19,051	
RESTAURANTS	198	2,766,906	83	106,674	584	4,743,564	4,726,268	29,244	
FINANCE	86	2,645,511	52	103,926	245	4,092,874	1,992,545	28,675	
HOTELS	56	1,136,013	30	38,166	145	1,869,115	1,326,043	15,385	
PERSONAL SERVICES	458	12,114,291	287	888,334	1,515	20,861,393	12,406,329	93,685	
MISCELLANEOUS	6,140	177,882,206	3,488	8,111,968	20,087	295,701,063	166,001,064	1,488,844	
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	947	18,142,353	425	1,341,732	2,539	36,083,937	22,776,585	169,406	
INDUSTRY TOTAL	10,129	290,532,328	5,405	14,122,582	32,009	500,491,855	280,212,561	2,547,268	
MED. ONLY CASES			45,561	30,969,664			30,969,664		
TOTALS	10,129	290,532,328	50,966	45,092,246	32,009	500,491,855	311,182,225	2,547,268	

SOUTH CAROLINA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
 LOCATION OF INJURY BY NATURE OF INJURY FOR CASES CLOSED FROM 07/01/05 THROUGH 06/30/06

	LOSS OF USE AMPUTATION	DISLOCATION	BURNS	CUTS AND ABRASIONS	TRAUMA	BRUISES		OCC. DISEASES	HERNIAS	ALL OTHERS
						SPRAINS	FRACTURES			
BRAIN/SKULL										
EYE	5		18	48	1	142	8	28		96
EAR	177		1	3	1	44		9		245
NOSE			2	12	1	14	27	2		38
MOUTH/TOOTH	1	2	1	32	4	25	74	3		16
NECK		18	10	9		540	16	22		61
HEAD/FACE			33	198	8	308	33	14		152
SPINE		6			1	138	12			191
BACK		1	3	10	11	4,441		18		64
RIBS/SIDE/SHOULDER		85	10	21	4	1,489	108	51	7	843
LUNGS			1			1		548		165
THORAX										1
HIP/PELVIS		6	1	6		226	62	2		86
ABDOMEN			3	12	1	205		5	278	109
TRUNK			6	6	2	239		10		61
ARM	2	16	90	179	6	830	244	88		400
WRIST	4	2	6	42	1	494	200	261		240
HAND	4	5	112	360	43	478	140	273		396
FINGER	175	16	20	781	115	316	336	34		420
UPPER EXTR.	2	1	34	24	5	302	35	70		405
LEG/THIGH	4	2	30	123	10	402	158	11		196
KNEE	3	37	6	52	4	1,696	71	8		675
ANKLE		7	13	14	2	672	246	1		189
FOOT	4	1	53	60	26	336	273	4		233
TOE	6	1	1	11	8	38	77	1		27
LOWER EXTR.	1	1	15	14	2	239	24	9		205
ALL OTHERS	3	6	95	98	22	1,629	112	401		3,957
SUB TOTALS	387	213	564	2,115	278	15,250	2,256	1,882	285	9,879
MED. ONLY CASES										
TOTALS	387	213	564	2,115	278	15,250	2,256	1,882	285	9,879

SOUTH CAROLINA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
 LOCATION OF INJURY BY NATURE OF INJURY FOR CASES CLOSED FROM 07/01/05 THROUGH 06/30/06
 (CONTINUED)

LOCATION	# OF INC	TOTALS		
		COMPENSATION	MEDICAL	DAYS LOST PERCENTAGE
BRAIN/SKULL	275	5,999,105	2,364,296	17,193 000.84
EYE	370	1,661,246	1,057,865	13,018 001.12
EAR	234	521,711	68,395	245 000.71
NOSE	74	360,841	404,186	625 000.23
MOUTH/TOOTH	203	737,047	606,179	1,925 000.62
NECK	767	15,544,109	7,385,053	66,376 002.32
HEAD/FACE	785	12,147,339	5,990,514	55,570 002.38
SPINE	221	4,668,414	2,380,950	23,183 000.67
BACK	5,327	120,194,530	59,101,961	646,831 016.09
RIBS/SIDE/SHOULDER	2,183	35,608,404	22,511,237	177,021 006.60
LUNGS	715	6,754,206	928,369	24,766 002.16
THORAX	1		19	000.01
HIP/PELVIS	389	10,003,383	5,733,236	68,649 001.18
ABDOMEN	613	2,377,236	3,210,870	22,036 001.86
TRUNK	324	5,418,079	3,808,757	29,483 000.98
ARM	1,855	23,955,584	15,053,184	118,044 005.61
WRIST	1,246	12,229,063	7,186,324	65,872 003.77
HAND	1,811	16,095,958	9,958,378	79,168 005.47
FINGER	2,213	10,909,677	9,751,830	48,919 006.69
UPPER EXTR.	878	11,582,627	6,602,617	47,356 002.66
LEG/THIGH	936	16,095,285	12,022,065	100,643 002.83
KNEE	2,552	38,652,013	23,986,540	211,285 007.71
ANKLE	1,144	12,044,097	9,279,419	87,014 003.46
FOOT	990	10,046,972	7,009,458	62,016 003.00
TOE	170	1,499,449	686,330	8,469 000.52
LOWER EXTR.	510	10,793,916	5,245,087	54,923 001.55
ALL OTHERS	6,323	114,138,218	56,849,782	508,070 019.10
SUB TOTALS	33,109	500,038,509	279,182,901	2,538,700 100.00%
MED. ONLY CASES	45,561		30,969,664	
TOTALS	78,670	500,038,509	310,152,565	2,538,700

SOUTH CAROLINA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
 TYPE OF COMPENSATION BY COUNTY OF OCCURRENCE FOR CASES CLOSED FROM 07/01/05 THRU 06/30/06

DEATH	DISF	DISM	LOSS OF USE		TEMP TOTAL	REL	MEDICAL ONLY	#INC.	TOTALS		MEDICAL
			PERM	PART					COMP		
UNKNOWN			22		65	40	39	369	2,513,974		1,463,530
ABBEVILLE			16		64	56	15	134	2,747,657		1,735,566
AIKEN	10		106		287	247	209	949	14,565,665		5,980,879
ALLENDALE	1		7		21	26	6	59	1,333,597		718,196
ANDERSON	14	1	179		491	403	215	1,230	20,971,409		10,509,275
BAMBERG	1		8		34	27	8	68	1,312,528		515,807
BARNWELL	1		12		49	40	15	112	2,296,097		1,558,423
BEAUFORT	2		103		395	279	192	1,003	13,920,408		9,221,335
BERKELEY	2	10	119		290	234	172	768	13,718,581		8,379,299
CALHOUN	1		7		25	21	10	63	651,247		384,129
CHARLESTON	22	22	500		1,668	1,448	518	3,786	60,306,921		31,527,493
CHESTER	2	10	90		168	103	48	394	5,765,279		3,926,091
CHESTERFIELD	2	2	34		87	83	34	242	3,020,274		1,511,520
CLARENDON	3	4	48		110	74	39	262	4,026,030		2,603,839
COLLETON	1	4	23		71	68	34	187	2,192,293		1,107,987
COLLETON	1	4	37		106	98	33	243	4,185,638		2,318,868
DARLINGTON	1	4	39		120	96	46	296	4,800,891		2,500,148
DILLON	1	1	20		55	44	24	136	1,905,419		853,104
DORCHESTER	3	2	111		290	229	101	676	12,150,419		6,089,239
EDGEFIELD	1	1	11		34	20	37	108	1,041,591		929,790
FAIRFIELD	1	1	29		68	47	28	174	2,877,132		1,435,997
FLORENCE	1	9	174		455	319	184	1,114	17,532,277		13,077,767
GEORGETOWN	5	6	63		240	170	78	747	10,254,624		6,381,187
GREENVILLE	7	31	728		1,604	1,212	589	3,968	59,946,879		27,213,262
GREENWOOD	1	6	77		217	158	102	536	6,655,617		3,474,949
HAMPTON	1	3	20		59	52	15	384	2,479,392		1,540,671
HORRY	10	17	224		825	516	302	1,850	25,486,721		18,433,369
JASPER	1	1	7		42	31	12	91	1,677,851		907,692
KERSHAW	2	4	56		158	103	67	397	4,214,478		2,105,525
LANCASTER	6	6	40		103	78	45	266	5,077,032		2,603,918
LAURENS	1	3	65		166	140	73	408	5,598,448		2,489,251
LEE	1	3	8		35	28	12	81	1,036,491		783,270
LEXINGTON	3	26	261		795	537	271	1,751	25,285,111		12,783,423
MCCORMICK	2	2	2		11	13	7	34	610,541		427,027
MARION	3	3	19		74	40	32	157	2,629,408		1,337,470
MARLBORO	1	3	35		51	45	27	159	2,567,937		1,858,811
NEWBERRY	6	5	61		129	103	45	305	6,175,300		2,627,046
OCONEE	2	2	87		194	148	62	427	7,827,411		4,502,662
ORANGEBURG	2	14	85		287	223	89	638	8,658,445		5,833,513
PICKENS	1	4	115		237	195	84	597	12,883,052		6,529,995
RICHLAND	13	32	565		1,365	1,009	634	4,357	48,084,125		28,270,793
SALUDA	1	1	2		18	14	9	44	578,340		453,877
SPARTANBURG	8	14	334		807	655	309	2,074	37,308,044		20,081,371
SUMTER	2	10	123		289	235	91	708	10,353,877		7,375,798
UNION	3	3	26		56	39	21	130	2,091,849		1,561,630
WILLIAMSBURG	1	1	31		76	57	17	154	2,711,308		2,031,886
YORK	1	6	147		392	256	182	1,039	11,708,598		7,602,770
OUT OF STATE	3	1	27		103	73	11	289	4,850,660		2,663,964
SUB-TOTALS	114	299	4,903		13,286	10,132	5,193	33,964	500,586,866		280,223,412
MED. ONLY CASES							45,561	79,525			30,969,664
TOTALS	114	299	4,903		13,286	10,132	50,754	79,525	500,586,866		311,193,076

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Form 6A	Application For Membership In A Self-Insurance Fund
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Form 7A	Corporate Guaranty
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Form 8A	Proof Of Compliance, Securities Pledge
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Form 8C	Proof Of Compliance, Excess Insurance
Form 9	Certificate For Self-Insurance
Form 10	Self-Insurance Tax Return (Reserved)
Form 11	Self-Insurer's Quarterly Financial Report
Form 11A	Self-Insurer's Annual Financial Report
Form 12-A	Employer's First Report Of Injury (ACORD 4)
Form 12-M	Report Of Injury, Medical Only
Form 14-A	Physician's Report and Itemized Statement HCFA-1500 for physicians UB-92 for hospitals
Form 15	Temporary Compensation Report
Form 15S	Supplemental Report of Varying Temporary Partial Payments
Form 16	Agreement for Permanent Disability/Disfigurement Compensation
Form 17	Receipt of Compensation
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Form 20	Statement of Earnings of Injured Employee
Form 21	Employer's Request For Hearing
Form 23	Order Closing File
Form 24	Application For Lump Sum Award
Form 27	Subpoena
Form 30	Request For Commission Review
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Form 38	Employer's Withdrawal Of Election To Adopt The South Carolina Workers' Compensation Act

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Form 40	Motion for Expedited Adjudication
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Form 54	Employer's Notice Of Claim And/Or Request For Hearing
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Form 65	Waiver of Claim Involving An Occupational Disease
Form SIF-1	Agreement to Reimburse Compensation
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Form SIF-4	Medical Information Request
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Form S-2	Notice Of Third Party Action, Employee
Form S-3	Entitlement To Right Of Action
Form S-4	Court Certificate
Bulletins	"For You" (Claims Information) "What Every Employer Should Know About Workers' Compensation" "Frequently Asked Questions About Informal Conferences"
	<i>Claims Administration Made Easy Workbook</i>
	<i>Commission Update</i>
	<i>South Carolina Workers' Compensation Law (The West Group, Publishers)</i>
	<i>Medical Services Provider Manual</i>
	<i>Hospital and Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment Manual</i>