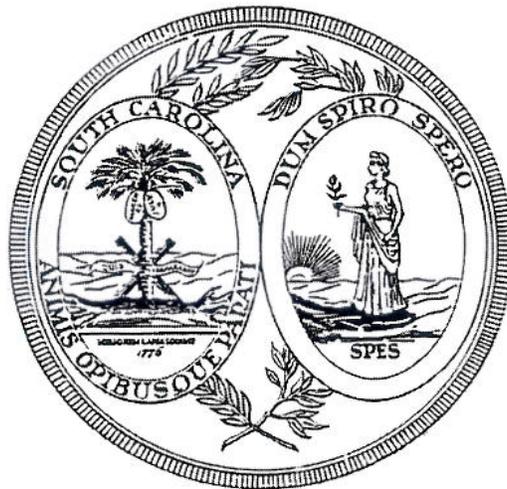


# South Carolina Workers' Compensation Commission



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## Workers' Compensation Commission

December 1, 2008

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 2007 - 2008. 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 2007 - 2008 was a very productive year for the Commission, with continuous accomplishments in three major areas: the use of technology to improve operations, process times and efficiency.

Even with these gains, 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,

Andrea C. Roche  
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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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-two 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  $\frac{2}{3}$ % 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 2007-2008 was another productive year for the Commission. The Commission converted to the SC Enterprise Information System (SCEIS) on April 9, 2008. The statewide financial system is currently being used for all finance, procurement, materials management and budget transactions. The SAP based software allows the Commission to compile real-time data in reporting across multiple modules with the capability to analyze information by program and department. SCEIS allows the Commission to monitor budget allocations and encumbrances. The Commission is scheduled to implement the SCEIS Human Resources Management module in the upcoming year.

Over the past year, the Commission has implemented an automated process to monitor outstanding fines, which prompts late notices to be created according to a batch program run bi-monthly. The result is a systematic follow up process driven by the age of an outstanding fine to replace a reliance upon the assessor to manually send late notices.

The Commission implemented an automated process to assess fines against insurance carriers for failure to respond to claim filings on behalf of claimants. This process centers on a diary system that prompts review of cases in which the carriers involved have received notice of the claim, but have not filed the required first report of injury. Overall, the result has been a more prompt response on the part of the insurance industry to notices from the Commission of claims filed, which allows us to provide better customer service to claimants.

The Commission's implementation of the new Progress 10 claims tracking system in 2006 has allowed the Commission to electronically track statistics using a program to assign a status code to indicate an action or event in the life of a claim, which have been manually tallied in the past. For instance, the tracking of settlement agreements and attorney fee petitions are now derivable from claim disposition data in the system.

The development of departmental and individual electronic workflows has allowed the Commission to streamline several processes. Identifying duplication of efforts and sharing best practices through shared workflow has lowered opportunity cost and increased efficiency. Departments can perform tasks simultaneously as a result of identifying workflows and employee cycle time can be evaluated. All staff members have access to every workflow process performed within the agency. This is a benefit in the event an employee is out or there is turnover in a position.

In compliance with Legislative Act 111, changes and updates to Commission forms were made. Form 14B, Physicians Statement must accompany all Form 18's when requesting an informal conference for injuries that occur on or after July 1, 2007. The Form 16A, Agreement for Permanent Disability and Disfigurement Compensation was created to serve as a settlement document for injuries that occur on or after July 1, 2007. For injuries that occurred prior to July 1, 2007 a Form 16 is required. A Form 14B must accompany all Form 16A's. Form 50, Employee's Notice of Hearing and or Hearing Request and Form 51, Employer's Answer to Request for Hearing were both altered to include a statement verifying the contents of the documents to be accurate and true to the best of the preparer's knowledge. In addition, Form 50 options for requesting benefits was expanded to include injury, illness or repetitive trauma.

## **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, forty eight referrals were made during Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

**LEGISLATION PASSED DURING THE 2007 GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
WHICH AFFECTS THE  
SOUTH CAROLINA WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW**

There was no legislation passed during this fiscal year that affected the Workers' Compensation Law.

## **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.

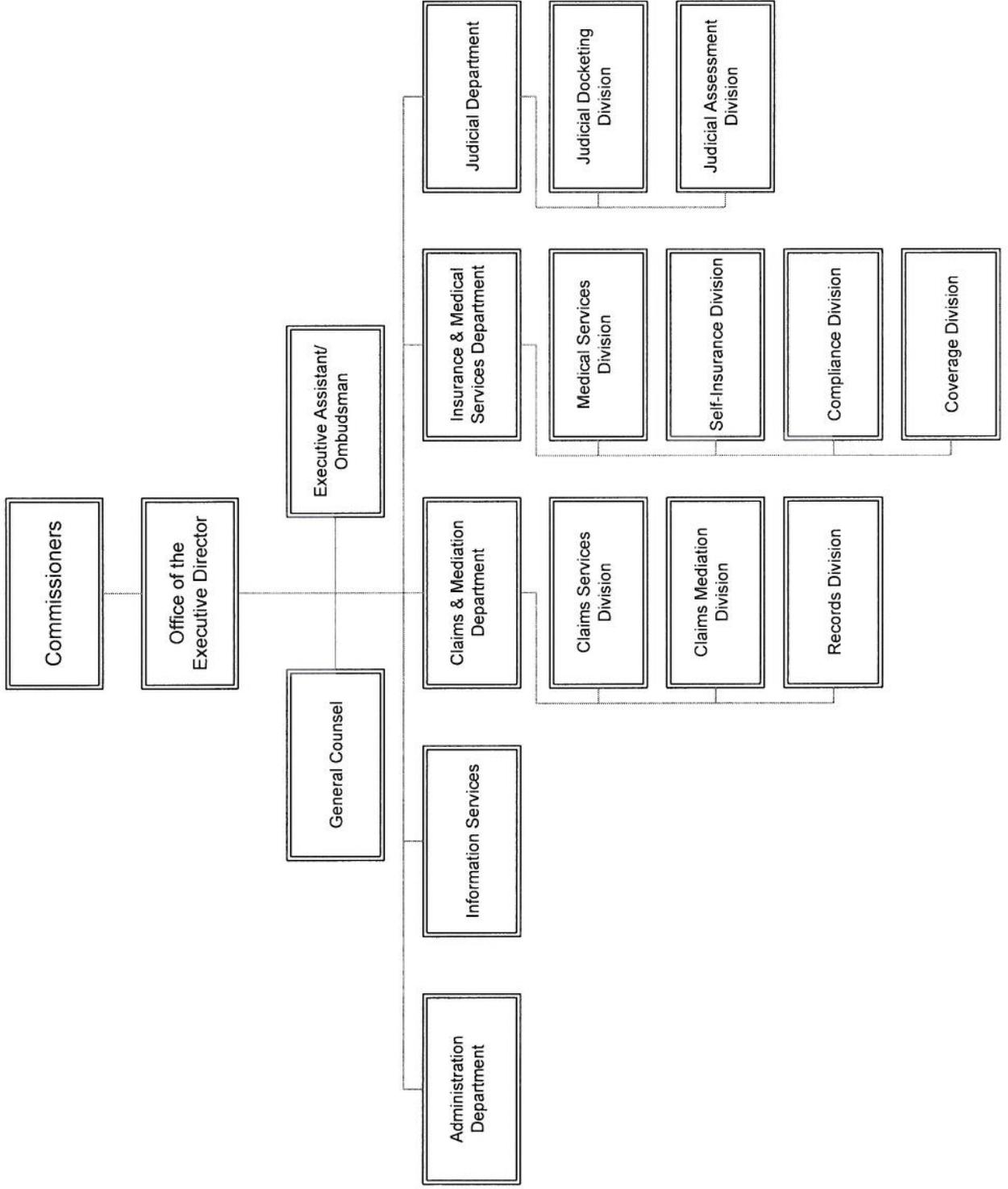
The Information Services Department is responsible for the use and management of information, data processing functions, research and statistics, and records, both electronic and manual. One of the primary goals of this department is to increase the availability, accuracy, timeliness, and the quality 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, 2007 - June 30, 2008

**David W. Huffstetler**, Chairman  
Lexington  
Appointed: August 27, 2004  
Term of Office: 2012

**Susan S. Barden**, Vice Chair  
Columbia  
Appointed: May 27, 2004  
Term of Office: 2010

**J. Alan Bass**  
Myrtle Beach  
Appointed: May 17, 2002  
Term of Office: 2008

**Andrea C. Roche**  
Columbia  
Appointed: July 1, 2006  
Term of Office: 2012

**George N. Funderburk**  
Greenville  
Appointed: May 17, 2002  
Term of Office: 2008

**G. Bryan Lyndon**  
Anderson  
Appointed: April 10, 2004  
Term of Office: 2010

**Derrick L. Williams**  
Columbia  
Appointed: March 15, 2007  
Term of Office: 2014

**SOUTH CAROLINA  
WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION**

**DEPARTMENT AND DIVISION DIRECTORS**

As of June 30, 2008

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Gary R. Thibault, Executive Director

**ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT**

Janice Sanders Sutton, Finance & Human Resources Director

Evelyn Morgan, 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**

Virginia L. Crocker, Director

Eugenia Hollmon, Judicial Docketing Director

**INFORMATION RESOURCES MANAGEMENT**

Matt Cleary, CIO

**LEGAL DEPARTMENT**

Janet Godfrey Griggs, General Counsel

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**FISCAL YEAR 2007- 2008**

<b>ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>
<b><u>ADMINISTRATION</u></b>			
Director	\$93,219	\$93,219	\$0
Classified Positions	275,832	275,832	0
Contractual Services	197,398	197,398	0
Supplies & Materials	101,511	101,511	0
Fixed Charges & Contributions	130,994	130,994	0
Travel	9,747	9,747	0
Equipment	\$2,229	\$2,229	\$0
Total Administration	<hr/> \$810,930	<hr/> \$810,930	<hr/> \$0
<b><u>JUDICIAL</u></b>			
<b><u>A. COMMISSIONERS</u></b>			
Chairman	\$114,470	\$114,470	\$0
Commissioners	658,020	658,020	0
Classified Positions	290,746	290,746	0
Contractual Services	13,948	13,948	0
Fixed Charges & Contributions	13,215	13,215	0
Travel	\$6,180	\$6,180	\$0
Total Commissioners	<hr/> \$1,096,579	<hr/> \$1,096,579	<hr/> \$0
<b><u>B. MANAGEMENT</u></b>			
Classified Positions	\$166,136	\$166,136	\$0
Contractual Services	5,192	5,192	0
Supplies & Materials	4,839	4,839	0
Fixed Charges & Contributions	3,675	3,675	0
Total Management	<hr/> \$179,842	<hr/> \$179,842	<hr/> \$0
<b><u>INSURANCE &amp; MEDICAL SERVICES</u></b>			
Classified Positions	\$264,771	\$264,771	\$0
Contractual Services	7,360	7,360	0
Fixed Charges & Contributions	6,351	6,351	0
Travel	\$6,734	\$6,734	\$0
Total Ins. & Med. Svc	<hr/> \$285,216	<hr/> \$285,216	<hr/> \$0

ACCOUNTS	APPROPRIATION	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
<b><u>CLAIMS</u></b>			
Classified Positions	\$319,733	\$319,733	\$0
Unclassified Position	63,921	63,921	0
Contractual Services	9,699	9,699	0
Fixed Charges & Contributions	\$5,711	\$5,711	\$0
Total Claims	<u>\$399,064</u>	<u>\$399,064</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b>FUNDS RETURNED TO GF</b>	<u>\$471,391</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$471,391</u>
	<u>\$471,391</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$471,391</u>
<b><u>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</u></b>			
Employer Contributions	\$658,067	\$658,067	\$0
Total Employee Benefits	<u>\$658,067</u>	<u>\$658,067</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<u><u>\$3,901,089</u></u>	<u><u>\$3,429,698</u></u>	<u><u>\$471,391</u></u>
<b><u>OTHER FUNDS</u></b>			
<b><u>ADMINISTRATION</u></b>			
Classified Positions	\$105,704	\$105,704	\$0
Temporary Positions	33,000	22,083	10,917
Contractual Services	258,393	252,065	6,328
Supplies & Materials	117,825	117,825	0
Fixed Charges & Contributions	214,234	214,234	0
Travel	28,187	28,187	0
Taxes	\$7,162	\$7,162	\$0
Total Administration	<u>\$764,505</u>	<u>\$747,260</u>	<u>\$17,245</u>
<b><u>A. COMMISSIONERS</u></b>			
Taxable Subsistence	\$73,927	\$52,991	\$20,936
Temporary Positions	23,000	23,000	0
Contractual Services	122,013	122,013	0
Supplies & Materials	2,960	2,864	96
Fixed Charges & Contr.	92,505	92,505	0
Travel	\$70,525	\$70,525	\$0
Total Commissioners	<u>\$384,930</u>	<u>\$363,898</u>	<u>\$21,032</u>
<b><u>B. MANAGEMENT</u></b>			
Classified Positions	\$237,336	\$237,305	\$31
Temporary Positions	14,000	11,548	2,452
Contractual Services	12,933	12,933	0

ACCOUNTS	APPROPRIATION	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
Fixed Charges & Contr.	32,909	32,909	0
Travel	\$6,803	\$6,065	\$738
Total Management	\$303,981	\$300,760	\$3,221

**INSURANCE & MEDICAL SERVICES**

Classified Positions	\$174,501	\$163,628	\$10,873
Temporary Positions	30,272	29,827	445
Terminal Leave	6,775	6,775	0
Contractual Services	2,445	2,445	0
Supplies & Materials	3,572	2,821	751
Fixed Charges & Contribution	34,708	34,708	0
Travel	6,004	6,004	0
Taxes	\$522	\$522	\$0
Total Ins. & Med. Svc	\$258,799	\$246,730	\$12,069

**CLAIMS**

Classified Positions	\$71,482	\$68,771	\$2,711
Temporary Positions	23,813	23,813	0
Terminal Leave	5,690	5,690	0
Contractual Services	52,168	51,600	568
Supplies & Materials	10,728	10,728	0
Fixed Charges & Contribution	40,045	40,045	0
Travel	\$17,432	\$17,432	\$0
Total Claims	\$221,358	\$218,079	\$3,279

**EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**

Employer Contributions	\$176,676	\$176,290	\$386
Total Employee Benefits	\$176,676	\$176,290	\$386

**COMPUTER DATABASE**

Contractual Services	\$740,380	\$46,399	\$693,981
Total Computer Database	\$740,380	\$46,399	\$693,981

<b>TOTAL OTHER FUNDS</b>	\$2,850,629	\$2,099,416	\$751,213
<b>TOTAL AGENCY</b>	\$6,751,718	\$5,529,114	\$1,222,604

Appropriation of Remaining Cash Balance For FY07-08			\$471,391
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**OTHER FUNDS RETAINED**

	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
Penalties, Fees, Fines *	\$4,437,554	\$1,838,484	\$2,599,070
Training, Conference **	17,940	4,633	13,307
Sale of Publications ***	126,936	522	126,414
Capital Reserve Fund	\$740,380	\$46,399	\$693,981
Total Other Funds	<u>\$5,322,810</u>	<u>\$1,890,038</u>	<u>\$3,432,772</u>

**OTHER FUNDS - GENERAL FUNDS**

Workers' Comp. Self- Insurance Tax	\$5,333,103	\$0	\$5,333,103
Insolvency Fund	-1,017,900	0	-1,017,900
Self-Insurance Application Fee	72,882	0	72,882
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$392	\$0	\$392
Total Funds	<u>\$4,388,477</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$4,388,477</u>

\* Receipts include \$2,388,432 carried forward from FY2007

\*\* Receipts include \$8,065 carried forward

\*\*\* Receipts include \$117,964 carried forward from FY2007

## ACTIVITY SUMMARY & STATISTICAL ABSTRACT

The following tables and charts illustrate the work activity of the Workers' Compensation Commission for FY 2007 - 2008. Activity is measured primarily by the number of cases handled at each stage in the system. Once an injury is reported, there are a number of steps that must be taken before a claim can be closed. The most serious claims and those that are disputed require additional processing and are open for a longer period of time.

According to the 2007 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 26th lowest rates in the nation. In 2008 Actuarial and Technical Solutions of New York found South Carolina had the 20th lowest workers' compensation costs in the nation among firms in the manufacturing industry and the 22nd lowest benefits.

During this past year the number of workers' compensation policies issued in South Carolina decreased 2.3% from 80,872 to 79,034. The number of employers self-insured, individually and through self-insured funds, decreased 10.8% from 3,420 to 3,049 primarily as a result of fewer members of self-insured funds. Overall, the number of self-insureds has decreased 30% in the last two years as several self-insured funds have seen a decline in membership. Self-insurance taxes collected decreased 6.5 %, from \$5.9 to \$5.5 million.

In FY 2007-2008, 73,795 claims were filed with the Commission, down 8.3% from 80,452 filed the previous year. Injuries reported to the Commission by injured workers remained virtually unchanged rising 1.6% from 30,431 to 30,918 after having an increase of 6.9% and a decrease of 19.3% the prior two years. The number of Minor Medical Only cases decreased slightly from 45,091 to 44,333.

There were 75,251 claims closed in 2007-2008, a slight decrease from the 75,522 closed the previous year. The claim closure process is administrative in nature and occurs when benefits have been paid, denied, or adjudication of the claim has occurred and concluded. Claims may be administratively reopened at the request of either party. The number of claims closed within a fiscal year captures claims that are closed for the first time and claims that have been reopened and closed more than once in the same year.

After decreasing 7.8% in 2006-07, the total paid for compensation and medical increased 19.8% in 2007-2008 to \$896.6 million. Medical expenditures decreased 9.5% in 2006-2007 and increased 17.9% in 2007-08 to \$332.2 million. Similarly, compensation paid increased 21% to \$564.3 million after decreasing 9.5% the previous year. Overall, for the past five years, total compensation and medical paid on closed claims increased approximately 10% annually. Compensation costs were impacted by a 3.6% average annual increase in the State's average weekly wage over the last two years.

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 73,795 claims filed with the Commission during the past fiscal year, 11,092, 15%, requested a hearing to resolve a dispute between the parties. Of the 11,092 hearings scheduled, 2,580 were held, reflecting a 17.3% increase over the prior year. Hearings held decreased 16.4% the previous year. Overall, 2,323 single commissioner decisions,

opinions and orders were issued. In FY 2007-2008, 3,682 informal conferences were held, a decrease of 8.6%, and 10,385 common law settlements approved, a 6.5% increase from the previous year. Cases appealed to the Full Commission for review decreased for the second year in a row from 968 to 876, a 9.5% decrease, and decisions appealed to Circuit Court decreased by 27.3% from 322 to 234 after increasing the previous year by 30.9%.

# Recapitulation

	<u>2006-2007</u>	<u>2007-2008</u>
1. Number of Policies Issued	80,872	79,034
2. Number of Employers Qualifying as Self-Insurers	3,420	3,049
3. Investigations Active Beginning of Fiscal Year	73	228
4. Investigations Initiated	895	695
5. Investigations Set for Show Cause Hearings/ Consent Agreements Received	78 149	113 132
6. Total Investigations Closed	740	796
7. Investigations Active at Close of Fiscal Year	228	127
8. Number of Accident Cases Filed with the Commission	80,452	73,795
A. New Cases	77,670	70,897
B. Reopened cases	2,782	2,898
9. Number of Cases Closed during Fiscal Year	75,522	75,251
A. Individually Reported Accidents	30,431	30,918
B. Minor Medical Only Accidents Reported in Summary	45,091	44,333
10. Total Compensation & Medical Cost Paid on Closed Cases	\$748,231,154	\$896,565,112
A. Medical Costs	\$281,706,637	\$332,226,192
B. Compensation	\$466,524,517	\$564,338,920
11. Temporary Compensation Agreements	16,788	16,630
12. Agreements for Permanent Disability	4,451	3,616
13. Applications for Stop Payment *	3,328	2,464
14. Cases Docketed for Hearings	10,205	11,092
15. Cases Assigned for Informal Conferences	5,429	5,167
16. Hearings Conducted by Single Commissioners	2,199	2,580
17. Informal Conferences Conducted	4,027	3,682
18. Decisions, Opinions & Orders, Single Commissioners	2,231	2,323
19. Cases Appealed to Full Commission for Review	968	876
20. Reviews Conducted by Full Commission or Panel	644	446
21. Decisions and Opinions by Full Commission or Panel	718	643
22. Commission Decisions Appealed to Circuit Court	322	234
23. Common Law Settlements	9,755	10,385
24. Attorney Fee Approvals	10,295	10,197
25. Self-Insurance Tax Collected and Deposited to the General Fund	\$5,862,301	\$5,480,671

\* Includes 60-Day Hearings

**AGGREGATED BENEFITS - FY 1935 THROUGH FY 2007**

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.....	74,715	\$500,586,866	\$311,193,076
2006-2007.....	80,872	\$466,524,517	\$281,706,637
2007-2008.....	79,034	\$564,338,920	\$332,226,192

## 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>MAXIMUM PERCENTAGE</u>	<u>MAXIMUM WEEKLY RATE</u>	<u>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
January 1, 2007	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 645.94	500 Weeks
January 1, 2008	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 661.29	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

### Hearings

### Informal Conferences

County	Hearings					Informal Conferences				
	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008
Abbeville	37	41	27	31	37	28	23	18	20	17
Aiken	249	287	220	245	210	162	152	132	132	105
Allendale	27	42	24	38	33	14	18	8	14	13
Anderson	446	472	364	356	332	218	248	199	207	174
Bamberg	13	23	25	30	17	17	19	17	16	13
Barnwell	35	45	43	34	44	13	13	15	22	33
Beaufort	359	388	351	391	386	200	161	149	156	135
Berkeley	261	276	246	302	318	169	137	131	155	119
Calhoun	27	23	12	22	25	9	7	14	4	8
Charleston	1,222	1,235	507	1206	1266	581	518	460	495	425
Cherokee	121	152	114	114	145	113	88	77	82	64
Chester	100	84	80	86	72	51	45	36	44	21
Chesterfield	104	82	79	64	65	60	54	65	47	31
Clarendon	67	69	69	106	77	19	24	23	43	17
Colleton	86	103	92	81	107	58	54	32	45	37
Darlington	107	104	102	89	78	62	52	38	50	37
Dillon	35	45	46	45	54	26	23	14	20	21
Dorchester	202	243	778	253	237	111	131	110	108	114
Edgefield	31	29	29	26	12	6	11	15	19	10
Fairfield	74	52	51	75	46	23	34	25	29	20
Florence	377	332	302	352	319	192	185	201	182	186
Georgetown	204	252	157	290	197	120	99	74	96	61
Greenville	1,141	1,326	1,241	1240	1253	851	802	783	847	798
Greenwood	125	149	155	154	137	136	116	96	126	112
Hampton	36	54	45	37	35	33	43	23	20	24
Horry	537	518	466	594	594	244	266	261	261	261
Jasper	27	59	36	49	64	8	7	24	13	14
Kershaw	119	155	117	138	94	94	61	52	63	57
Lancaster	58	96	91	73	67	65	58	38	75	49
Laurens	120	119	132	153	138	63	74	86	87	63
Lee	23	42	31	14	20	13	8	13	16	12
Lexington	505	500	474	597	551	349	331	269	339	274
McCormick	17	19	10	9	15	6	5	5	6	5
Marion	48	68	41	54	48	30	22	25	22	33
Marlboro	54	33	38	54	40	28	33	34	26	22
Newberry	70	95	81	75	103	59	76	85	70	59
Oconee	147	169	131	118	117	97	113	93	61	83
Orangeburg	221	242	44	212	236	149	88	108	140	94
Pickens	173	189	185	171	182	149	125	120	128	124
Richland	983	968	883	1272	1130	515	570	505	659	479
Saluda	12	16	16	12	21	6	9	5	7	8
Spartanburg	662	796	602	737	780	384	402	319	307	341
Sumter	239	277	378	326	243	146	141	120	135	98
Union	44	50	142	54	42	31	18	25	31	17
Williamsburg	50	60	31	38	37	27	35	25	18	33
York	296	318	282	318	315	176	181	171	163	168
TOTALS	9,891	10,697	9,370	10,735	10,339	5,911	5,680	5,138	5,606	4,889

## SOUTH CAROLINA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION PUBLICATIONS

Form 2	Poster
Form 5	Corporate Officer Notice To Reject
Form 6	Application To Create A Self-Insurance Fund
Form 6A	Application For Membership In A Self-Insurance Fund
Form 7	Application To Individually Self-Insure
Form 7A	Corporate Guaranty
Form 8	Proof Of Compliance, Surety Bond
Form 8A	Proof Of Compliance, Securities Pledge
Form 8B	Proof Of Compliance, Memorandum Of Understanding, And Irrevocable Letter Of Credit
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 14B	Physician's Statement
Form 15	Temporary Compensation Report
Form 15S	Supplemental Report of Varying Temporary Partial Payments
Form 16	Agreement for Permanent Disability/Disfigurement Compensation
Form 16A	Agreement for Permanent Disability/Disfigurement Compensation
Form 17	Receipt of Compensation
Form 18	Periodic Report
Form 19	Status Report And Compensation Receipt
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
Form 31	Notice of Review Hearing
Form 32	Request To Waive Appeal Filing Fee
Form 36	Medical Fee Approval
Form 38	Employer's Withdrawal Of Election To Adopt The South Carolina Workers' Compensation Act
Form 40	Motion for Expedited Adjudication
Form 50	Employee's Notice of Claim And/Or Request For Hearing
Form 51	Employer's Answer To Request For Hearing
Form 52	Employee's Notice Of Claim And/Or Request For Hearing, Death Case

## Publications

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Form 53	Employer's Answer to Request For a Hearing, Death Case
Form 54	Employer's Notice of Claim And/Or Request for Hearing
Form 55	Second Injury Fund's Answer to Employer's Request For Hearing
Form 58	Pre-Hearing Brief
Form 61	Attorney Fee Petition
Form 62	Compliance Agreement
Form 65	Waiver of Claim Involving an Occupational Disease
Form SIF-1	Agreement to Reimburse Compensation
Form SIF-2	Reimbursement Request
Form SIF-3	Employer's Notice of Claim for Reimbursement Form
Form SIF-4	Medical Information Request
Form S-1	Notice of Third Party Action, Employer
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>South Carolina Worker's Compensation law</i> (The West Group, Publisher)
	<i>Medical Services Provider Manual</i>
	<i>Hospital and Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment Manual</i>

South Carolina Workers' Compensation Commission  
 Compensation by County of Occurrence for Cases Closed 7/01/2007 - 6/30/2008

	DEATH	DISF	LOSS/USE		USE TOTAL	TEMP REL	MEDICAL		# INC	TOTAL COMP	TOTAL MEDICAL
			PERM	PART			ONLY				
UNKNOWN	1	0	0	8	48	24	22	127	2,298,339.00	5,207,190.90	
ABBEVILLE	0	1	15	41	27	17	88	88	1,053,562.00	446,271.34	
AIKEN	15	12	92	269	213	135	746	746	17,204,131.00	8,302,763.78	
ALLENDALE	0	0	10	30	25	14	67	67	1,597,427.00	860,970.39	
ANDERSON	7	12	155	407	315	122	929	929	18,681,101.00	12,220,246.54	
BAMBERG	0	1	10	37	24	9	67	67	932,348.00	453,855.62	
BARNWELL	1	1	18	44	25	18	102	102	2,227,796.00	1,081,847.23	
BEAUFORT	8	4	124	445	343	163	1032	1032	19,680,636.00	12,508,954.64	
BERKELEY	6	3	109	265	242	103	670	670	17,697,162.00	9,218,412.80	
CALHOUN	0	0	4	17	14	5	37	37	871,650.00	436,691.58	
CHARLESTON	27	29	401	1191	1069	474	3073	3073	66,750,517.00	30,589,172.53	
CHEROKEE	2	5	68	149	103	57	375	375	5,813,933.00	2,993,499.33	
CHESTER	0	0	25	70	71	25	196	196	3,062,687.00	1,430,652.84	
CHESTERFIELD	1	3	35	89	63	27	197	197	4,871,552.00	2,682,899.57	
CLARENDON	3	1	20	68	66	24	167	167	2,958,396.00	1,579,615.22	
COLLETON	1	1	33	87	81	26	205	205	3,959,614.00	2,022,182.17	
DARLINGTON	1	4	36	108	87	40	262	262	5,373,962.00	3,498,639.38	
DILLON	1	2	17	56	42	23	136	136	1,770,073.00	1,390,083.64	
DORCHESTER	2	4	76	279	242	110	633	633	16,671,398.00	7,000,969.48	
EDGEFIELD	1	1	4	27	23	16	61	61	1,287,283.00	639,879.54	
FAIRFIELD	2	13	15	69	46	13	131	131	3,256,196.00	1,678,960.25	
FLORENCE	4	15	146	420	274	151	965	965	19,496,207.00	11,303,812.21	
GEORGETOWN	2	2	77	181	232	51	544	544	10,238,899.00	7,706,033.96	
GREENVILLE	20	23	673	1507	1230	556	3866	3866	69,483,089.00	32,596,957.68	
GREENWOOD	3	4	94	241	143	56	487	487	9,245,084.00	6,402,129.05	
HAMPTON	28	1	16	52	39	18	264	264	2,045,667.00	1,193,725.92	
HORRY	10	7	194	775	574	305	1883	1883	34,436,592.00	21,203,106.05	
JASPER	2	1	8	51	45	29	139	139	1,873,011.00	984,791.85	
KERSHAW	0	1	47	137	121	43	328	328	6,980,024.00	3,365,734.10	
LANCASTER	1	2	47	82	67	39	208	208	4,723,929.00	3,079,551.47	
LAURENS	1	2	60	148	126	50	374	374	6,617,735.00	3,558,596.60	
LEE	0	0	9	25	16	11	61	61	745,542.00	412,269.50	
LEXINGTON	11	12	225	705	472	251	1576	1576	29,007,060.00	17,816,360.51	
MCCORMICK	1	0	6	14	12	10	38	38	522,601.00	530,990.95	
MARION	2	1	15	69	42	22	127	127	3,121,055.00	1,330,610.83	
MARLBORO	0	5	17	48	39	32	140	140	2,474,213.00	1,368,515.53	
NEWBERRY	4	3	48	103	90	40	284	284	4,647,951.00	1,858,133.68	
OCONEE	2	1	70	144	99	67	386	386	7,362,036.00	3,753,714.10	
ORANGEBURG	9	9	83	268	233	77	616	616	10,490,305.00	4,895,790.44	
PICKENS	0	5	93	222	184	86	548	548	8,872,397.00	6,634,207.38	
RICHLAND	12	33	487	1273	971	550	3218	3218	52,788,587.00	26,782,522.43	
SALUDA	0	1	5	28	11	6	46	46	796,853.00	406,295.47	
SPARTANBURG	10	12	310	749	637	279	1979	1979	41,718,468.00	22,397,771.54	
SUMTER	1	10	83	241	224	91	629	629	13,056,616.00	6,564,489.41	
UNION	2	2	19	72	48	21	142	142	2,393,576.00	1,533,688.27	
WILLIAMSBURG	1	2	22	43	30	10	98	98	1,888,566.00	1,283,633.26	
YORK	5	7	153	343	300	178	988	988	15,326,283.00	8,843,370.06	
OUT OF STATE	7	0	20	171	100	89	527	527	5,966,811.00	2,890,374.86	
SUB-TOTALS	217	246	4302	11908	9504	4561	29762	29762	564,338,920.00	306,941,335.88	
MED. ONLY CASES							47182	47182	26,714,593.89	26,714,593.89	
							76944	76944	564,338,920.00	333,655,929.77	

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South Carolina Workers' Compensation Commission  
INJURY LOCATION BY NATURE OF INJURY AS REPORTED BY CARRIERS  
FOR CASES CLOSED FROM 07/01/2007 THROUGH 06/30/2008

DESCRIPTION	TOTAL COMPENSATION	TOTAL MEDICAL	INCIDENTS	PERCENT OF CASES	PERCENT OF COSTS
BRAIN/SKULL	5,527,226	1,444,069	228	0.74	0.80
EYE	2,426,479	860,108	280	0.91	0.38
EAR	1,137,699	225,737	220	0.72	0.16
NOSE	628,580	405,842	57	0.19	0.12
MOUTH/TOOTH	396,504	383,429	148	0.48	0.09
NECK	20,798,737	13,130,050	701	2.29	3.89
HEAD/FACE	10,542,034	5,213,409	614	2.00	1.81
SPINE	5,725,666	2,511,343	161	0.53	0.94
BACK	114,353,470	50,215,898	4,067	13.27	18.86
RIBS/SIDE/SHOULDER	43,342,581	27,348,729	2,103	6.86	8.10
LUNGS	9,996,358	2,421,516	337	1.10	1.42
HIP/PELVIS	9,181,092	5,002,441	309	1.01	1.63
ABDOMEN	3,412,037	2,711,937	608	1.98	0.70
TRUNK	5,779,924	3,083,643	256	0.84	1.02
ARM	26,010,706	14,710,565	1,571	5.12	4.67
WRIST	12,170,792	6,709,338	1,098	3.58	2.16
HAND	13,927,668	8,910,818	1,493	4.87	2.62
FINGER	13,059,417	8,719,482	1,939	6.32	2.50
UPPER EXTR.	9,171,963	4,670,431	470	1.53	1.59
LEG/THIGH	13,563,976	9,943,052	813	2.65	2.69
KNEE	39,712,636	22,454,658	2,272	7.41	7.12
ANKLE	11,915,153	7,032,884	998	3.26	2.17
FOOT	10,909,411	6,341,157	834	2.72	1.98
TOE	667,613	435,818	142	0.46	0.13
LOWER EXTR.	8,989,623	6,153,441	354	1.15	1.74
ALL OTHERS	171,869,338	96,309,304	8,585	28.00	30.73
SUB-TOTALS:	565,216,683	307,349,099	30,658	100.00	100.00
MEDICAL ONLY CASES		26,714,593.89	47182		
TOTAL	565,216,683	334,063,693	77,840		