

2021 Annual Report
SOUTH DAKOTA WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

This document serves as the report of meetings, discussions, and recommendations of the Workers' Compensation Advisory Council (WCAC), pursuant to SDCL 62-2-10. Council members include Scott Stern (chair), Jesse Smith, Jean Murphy, Kory Rawstern, Randy Stainbrook, Russ Hohn, Guy Bender, Jason Dodson, Brooke Bohnenkamp, and the nonvoting member Department of Labor and Regulation (DLR) Secretary Marcia Hultman. The report is available to any interested person or groups and can be found at dlr.sd.gov.

Effective July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, an overall average decrease of 0.9% was approved for the advisory loss costs in the voluntary market. An overall average rate level decrease of 1.0% was approved in the Assigned Risk Market from the previous year. This is the tenth consecutive decrease for loss costs in the voluntary insurance market. There was a moderate increase in claim frequency for the latest year. The indemnity and medical severity exhibit year-to-year variability, although both indicate slight upward trends when observed over the long-term.

WCAC action for 2021 began at the July 12, 2021, meeting. The Council received the Division of Labor and Management's report about the state of the system. The public had the opportunity to offer comments. The Council held its second meeting on November 17, 2021. No recommendations were made for legislative or other changes. Submitted documents and Council minutes will be available at: http://dlr.sd.gov/workers_compensation/meetings.aspx.

Respectfully submitted on _____, 2021, by the Workers' Compensation Advisory Council.

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