

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE JAMES J. DONELON COMMISSIONER

BULLETIN NO. 08-09

TO: WORKERS' COMPENSATION GROUP SELF-INSURANCE

FUNDS (WCGSIF) IN THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

FROM: JAMES J. DONELON, COMMISSIONER

RE: FILING PROCEDURE FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION

GROUP SELF-INSURANCE FUNDS

DATE: DECEMBER 31, 2008

Pursuant to Acts 2007, No. 459 of the Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, the Louisiana Insurance Rating Commission (LIRC) was abolished and all "powers, duties and functions" of the LIRC were transferred to the Commissioner of Insurance (Commissioner) and the Louisiana Department of Insurance (LDOI). As such, the LDOI issues Bulletin 08-09, which supersedes LIRC Bulletin 95-06.

LSA-R.S. 23:1197 (C), 23:1199 and 23:1200.1 set forth the authority of the LDOI to regulate and license workers' compensation group self-insurance funds (WCGSIF) that operate in the state of Louisiana. In conjunction with the regulation of a WCGSIF, these entities, pursuant to LSA-R.S. 23:1199, are required to file rates with the LDOI based on actuarially justified class codes. In addition to the aforementioned statutes, LDOI Regulation 42, §1113(A), provides that every WCGSIF shall adhere to a uniform classification system, uniform experience rating plan and manual rules that are approved by the Commissioner of Insurance.

Therefore, every WCGSIF is directed to file with the LDOI, all new or revised rates, rules and forms following the guidelines as set forth by the aforementioned regulation and statutes. In submitting the various filings, the WCGSIF must demonstrate that proposed rates, rules and forms comply with all applicable statutes, regulations and directives. All rate and rule filings should adhere to the guidelines as set forth in the most recent edition of the LDOI, Office of Property and Casualty, Rate and Rule Filing Handbook and LSA-R.S. 22:1451 et seq., (Redesignated from LSA-R.S. 22:1401 by Acts 2008, No. 415, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2009).

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For questions or comments, please contact the Louisiana Department of Insurance, Office of Property and Casualty, Insurance Rating Division, by phone at (225) 342-1258.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana, this 31st day of December, 2008.

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COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE