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To: Workers' compensation insurers, self-insured employers, service companies, and attorneys

Subject: State office closures and furlough days for state employees

As you know, tough economic times have severely reduced state revenues, forcing legislatures throughout the nation to make deep cuts in state budgets. Nearly half the states have found that temporary closures and furloughs are necessary ways to save money while preserving the important functions and services of state government. As part of its strategy to address its own budget cuts, Oregon's state government will close most agencies on 10 Fridays that fall throughout the current two-year budget period (see the list of closure dates below). The closures will require our employees to take mandatory unpaid furloughs on those days and will save about \$2 million a day statewide.

Our first closure day is Friday, Oct. 16. The Department of Consumer and Business Services, including the Workers' Compensation Division, will close all its offices on that day. Please keep these dates in mind if you or your clients have information you will be submitting to the Workers' Compensation Division, because division employees will not be available to take phone calls or receive correspondence on office closure dates. Also, hand-delivery will not be possible on these days. You can still mail, fax, or e-mail on office closure days, however, staff will not be available to respond until the next business day. If a customer is unable to meet a deadline because our office is closed on a state office closure day, we will do what we can to assist on a case-by-case basis.

We regret any inconvenience this closure may cause; please be assured we will do everything possible to minimize disruption and hardship to those who rely on our services. We appreciate your understanding, and we look forward to reopening on Monday morning, Oct. 19.

Closure dates

2009	2010	2011
Friday, Oct. 16, 2009	Friday, March 19, 2010	Friday, March 18, 2011
Friday, Nov. 27, 2009	Friday, April 16, 2010	Friday, May 20, 2011
	Friday, June 18, 2010	
	Friday, Aug. 20, 2010	
	Friday, Sept. 17, 2010	
	Friday, Nov. 26, 2010	

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