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

Subject: Upcoming focused audit: Permanent total disability and fatality benefit accuracy

The Workers' Compensation Division (WCD) will begin a review cycle of the accuracy of permanent total disability (PTD) and fatal benefits. We anticipate this audit will begin in the fall of 2015.

We plan to review the appropriateness and accuracy of PTD and fatality benefits, Retroactive Program reimbursements, final expenses, and whether processors are conducting the required re-examination for PTD status. All insurance companies and self-insured companies that process these benefits will be subject to review.

WCD may issue penalties for low performance found on benefit accuracy. Additionally, overpayments of Worker Benefit Fund reimbursements may be subject to recovery by the department.

We welcome your input on our audit programs and how best we can monitor industry performance while minimizing burdens and intrusiveness on companies.

If you have questions about this notice, contact Audit Unit Manager Barbara Belcher at 503-947-7687 or [barbara.belcher@oregon.gov](mailto:barbara.belcher@oregon.gov).

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