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Calculation of Cost for the

1998 Prompt First Action Report on Workers' Compensation Claims

Description	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total
Staff Time			
(a) Estimated Hours Gathering Data	300	\$23.00	\$6,900
(b) Estimated Hours Preparing Report	120	\$24.00	\$2,838
(c) Estimated Hours Reviewing Report	70	\$25.00	\$1,766
TOTAL STAFF HOURS (a+b+c)	490		\$11,504
Group Meeting(s)			
Estimated Meetings to Collect Data	0	0	0
Printing and Distribution			
Estimated Reports Printed	500	\$1.24	\$620.00
Mailing Cost	337	\$1.21	\$407
TOTAL PRINTING, MAILING COSTS			\$1,027
Other Expenses			
None	0	0	0
GRAND TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS			\$12,531

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INTRODUCTION

Approximately 35,000 lost-time workers' compensation injuries are reported each year to the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry (DLI). Although the total number of injuries is actually higher, many employees lose no time from work. By law, those injuries do not need to be reported to the department. However, work-related injuries resulting in more than three days of lost time from work must be reported to DLI by the self-insured employer or the employer's insurance company.¹

Reporting an injury is only the beginning of the insurance company's or self-insured employer's responsibilities. Minnesota Statutes § 176.221, Subdivision 1 states, "Within 14 days of notice to or knowledge by the employer of an injury compensable under this chapter the payment of temporary total compensation shall commence." This statute also gives insurance companies and self-insured employers the same 14-day deadline to deny the claim and communicate this decision to the injured worker and DLI. Minnesota Rules Part 5220.2540, Subpart 1 further applies this 14-day deadline to the first payment of temporary partial benefits. Workers' compensation statutes send a clear message that liability decisions must be made, communicated, and first payments begun within a short period of time.

Promptness in reporting claims, deciding liability and making first payments is critical to the outcome of a claim. Employers have their own statutory deadline of ten days to report injuries to their insurance company. The insurance company must investigate the claim, determine liability, communicate its decision, and pay the injured worker by the fourteenth day. Penalties may be assessed against both parties for reporting the claim late, adding costs to the overall system. Penalties may also be assessed for the insurance company's or self-insured employer's failure to deny the claim or pay the first benefit on time.

However, there is more at stake than the cost of penalties. Injured workers who do not know whether their claims have been accepted, or who receive their first check late, lose trust in their employer, the insurer, and the workers' compensation system. This mistrust can linger throughout the lifetime of the claim, making the substantial costs of litigation more likely.

The 1995 Minnesota Legislature recognized the importance of prompt first payments when it passed Minnesota Statutes § 176.223. This statute requires DLI to publish an annual report providing data on the promptness of all insurance companies and self-insured employers in making first payments on a claim for injury. Because the insurer's responsibility for promptness lies also with the denial of a claim, the *Prompt First Action Report on Workers' Compensation Claims* combines data related to the promptness of denials and first payments. This report focuses public attention on the performance of the insurer in the workers' compensation system, with the goal of improving the promptness of individual companies and the entire industry.

¹ M.S. § 176.231, Subdivision 1 states, "Where...injury occurs which wholly or partly incapacitates the employee from performing labor or service for more than three calendar days, the employer shall report the injury to the insurer on a form prescribed by the commissioner no later than 14 days from its occurrence. An insurer and self-insured employer shall report the injury to the commissioner no later than 14 days from its occurrence."

FILING REQUIREMENTS OF EMPLOYERS AND INSURERS

The First Report of Injury form is the tool used to report work-related injuries and illnesses to the insurer and the department (see Appendix A). Employers complete the form when they become aware that a work-related illness or injury resulting in disability has occurred. The employer must then forward the form to the insurer before its ten-day deadline expires.

After it receives the First Report of Injury, the self-insured employer or insurance company conducts an investigation to decide whether to accept liability for the claim. If the injury must be reported, a copy of the First Report of Injury must be sent to DLI, a liability decision must be given to the claimant, and a first payment must be made (if the claim is accepted) by the 14-day deadline.

A second form, the Notice of Insurer's Primary Liability Determination, is used by the self-insured employer or insurance company to accept or deny the claim and to communicate valuable information about the payment of benefits (see Appendix B). This form also gives the insurer an opportunity to clarify or change information previously submitted on the First Report of Injury. Additional information on this form includes the date the injured worker was notified of the liability decision and the date of the first payment.

DEPARTMENT'S ACTIONS UPON RECEIPT OF DATA

DLI's computer system uses data submitted on the First Report of Injury and the Notice of Insurer's Primary Liability Determination form to determine whether the denial or first payment of benefits is timely. When the data is inconclusive, a letter asking for the missing or incomplete data is sent to the self-insured employer or insurance company. The data base is updated once the response is received.

To create this report for FY 1998, DLI again reviewed the data submitted on the two forms by the self-insured employer or insurance company for each claim. The department also reviewed any additional data submitted by the insurer on the claim regarding the promptness of the denial or first payment. A list of claims whose first actions were believed to be untimely was then sent to each self-insured employer and insurance company on a quarterly basis. A period of approximately 30 days was allowed for each insurer to submit information to refute the accuracy of DLI's data.

After reviewing the responses to all quarterly lists, DLI made further corrections to the database and then computed the percentage of timely first actions for each self-insured employer and insurance company.

EXPLANATION OF PROMPT FIRST ACTION REPORT TABLE

This table lists all insurance companies and self-insured employers who filed lost-time workers' compensation claims during FY 1997 and FY 1998. It reports the total number of annual lost-time claims for each company and the number and percentage of those claims that were paid or denied within the statutory 14-day deadline as directed by M.S. § 176.223.

Data used to determine the timeliness of denials and first payments include:

1. The date the denial was served on an injured worker; and
2. The date the first payment was actually made to an injured worker.

Because some claims are litigated over the promptness of the denial or first payment, or have insufficient information to determine their timeliness, the department originally planned to update all data in this report annually. However, it was difficult to accurately update the data for FY 1997, and the resulting changes in the timeliness percentages were insignificant. This report thus contains the original FY 1997 data as reported in the January 1998 publication with one exception: minor changes in the data have been made to correctly identify insurers whose company names were not reported accurately for FY 1997. Anyone desiring the updated data for FY 1997 may obtain it by calling (651) 297-4478.

DLI publishes the *Prompt First Action Report* on an annual basis. Each report is required to include data from the most recent five fiscal years. As this is only the second year of publication, future *Prompt First Action Reports* will grow in length until the necessary five years of performance data have been obtained.

OTHER INFORMATION:

- The promptness with which insurance companies and self-insured employers deny claims and make first payments depends a great deal on how promptly the employer files the First Report of Injury with the insurer. This report cannot make a distinction between first actions that were untimely due to the actions of the employer versus the insurer. All untimely actions, regardless of responsible party, are subtracted from the overall number of claims to arrive at the number and percentage of timely first actions.
- Some employers, particularly self-insured employers, have a policy that includes the continuation of an employee's full wages once a work injury has occurred. For those companies, the promptness with which first payments are made may be higher than for self-insured employers and insurance companies that do not practice full-wage continuation. The method used to compute the promptness of denials and first payments for these companies is identical to the method used for all companies in the *Prompt First Action Report*.

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Prompt First Action Report For Fiscal Year 1998

Company Name	Fiscal Year	Number of Lost Time Claims	Number With Timely Action	Percentage With Timely Action
Insurance Companies	1998	27589	22850	82.8%
	1997	27715	21764	78.5%
Self-Insured Employers	1998	8719	7778	89.2%
	1997	9377	8185	87.3%
All Companies	1998	36308	30628	84.4%
	1997	37092	29949	80.7%

INSURANCE COMPANIES				
Acceptance Insurance Companies	1998	6	6	100.0%
	1997	53	39	73.6%
Allianz Insurance Group (part of Allianz of America)	1998	0	0	0.0%
	1997	2	1	50.0%
Allied Group (part of Nationwide Group)	1998	2	2	100.0%
	1997	1	1	100.0%
Allstate Group	1998	0	0	0.0%
	1997	3	1	33.3%
American Compensation Insurance Company	1998	2886	2567	88.9%
	1997	2792	2307	82.6%
American Family Insurance Group	1998	200	151	75.5%
	1997	261	178	68.2%
American Hardware Group (part of Motorists Mutual-American Hardware Group)	1998	15	13	86.7%
	1997	26	20	76.9%
American Interstate Insurance Company (part of Amerisafe Insurance Group)	1998	45	30	66.7%
	1997	4	2	50.0%
American International Group	1998	1774	1401	79.0%
	1997	1783	1340	75.2%
American Risk Funding Insurance Company (part of American Contractors Insurance Group)	1998	6	5	83.3%
	1997	12	12	100.0%
American States Insurance Company (part of Safeco Corporation)	1998	127	103	81.1%
	1997	102	80	78.4%

Company Name	Fiscal Year	Number of Lost Time Claims	Number With Timely Action	Percentage With Timely Action
Amerisure Companies	1998	3	2	66.7%
	1997	3	2	66.7%
AON Corporation Group	1998	55	40	72.7%
	1997	26	16	61.5%
Argonaut Group	1998	88	69	78.4%
	1997	83	54	65.1%
Atlantic Mutual Companies	1998	175	139	79.4%
	1997	222	175	78.8%
Auto-Owners Group	1998	223	158	70.9%
	1997	270	161	59.6%
Baldwin & Lyons Group	1998	6	5	83.3%
	1997	14	12	85.7%
Bituminous Group (part of Old Republic General Insurance Group)	1998	2	2	100.0%
	1997	3	3	100.0%
Business Insurance Company (part of Superior National Insurance Group)	1998	2	2	100.0%
	1997	0	0	0.0%
Carolina Casualty Insurance Company (part of W. R. Berkley Corp Group)	1998	2	2	100.0%
	1997	2	1	50.0%
Chrysler Insurance Company	1998	1	1	100.0%
	1997	1	0	0.0%
Chubb Group of Insurance Companies	1998	235	181	77.0%
	1997	194	114	58.8%
Church Mutual Insurance Companies	1998	27	22	81.5%
	1997	29	22	75.9%
CIGNA Group	1998	457	366	80.1%
	1997	594	469	79.0%
Cincinnati Financial Corporation	1998	15	12	80.0%
	1997	6	3	50.0%
Citizens Security Group (part of Meridian Mutual Insurance Group)	1998	80	59	73.8%
	1997	102	74	72.5%
Clarendon Insurance Group	1998	18	7	38.9%
	1997	5	3	60.0%

Company Name	Fiscal Year	Number of Lost Time Claims	Number With Timely Action	Percentage With Timely Action
CNA Insurance Group	1998	1928	1587	82.3%
	1997	1815	1484	81.8%
Commercial Union Insurance Companies (part of CGU Group)	1998	19	15	78.9%
	1997	13	6	46.2%
Continental Western Insurance Company (part of W. R. Berkley Corp Group)	1998	24	20	83.3%
	1997	3	0	0.0%
Coregis Group	1998	0	0	0.0%
	1997	1	1	100.0%
Credit General Insurance Company (part of PRS Insurance Group)	1998	256	212	82.8%
	1997	226	179	79.2%
Crum & Forster Insurance Group (part of Fairfax Financial Holdings)	1998	165	147	89.1%
	1997	151	129	85.4%
Cuna Mutual Group	1998	2	2	100.0%
	1997	9	4	44.4%
Dakota Truck Underwriters (part of Dakota Group)	1998	1	1	100.0%
	1997	0	0	0.0%
Dodson Insurance Group	1998	82	69	84.1%
	1997	110	90	81.8%
EBI Companies (part of Orion Capital Companies)	1998	394	377	95.7%
	1997	176	144	81.8%
Electric Insurance Company	1998	15	13	86.7%
	1997	6	3	50.0%
EMC Insurance Companies	1998	139	121	87.1%
	1997	155	117	75.5%
Employers Insurance of Wausau (part of Liberty Mutual Insurance Companies)	1998	806	695	86.2%
	1997	710	619	87.2%
Everest Reinsurance Group	1998	12	12	100.0%
	1997	34	27	79.4%
Farm Bureau Group of Iowa	1998	125	92	73.6%
	1997	187	125	66.8%
Farmers Insurance Group	1998	283	225	79.5%
	1997	324	233	71.9%

Company Name	Fiscal Year	Number of Lost Time Claims	Number With Timely Action	Percentage With Timely Action
Farmland Mutual Insurance Company (part of Nationwide Group)	1998	137	120	87.6%
	1997	185	152	82.2%
Federated Mutual Group	1998	689	639	92.7%
	1997	814	725	89.1%
Federated Rural Electric Insurance Corporation	1998	13	11	84.6%
	1997	22	19	86.4%
Fidelity & Deposit Group (part of Zurich Insurance Group)	1998	0	0	0.0%
	1997	5	2	40.0%
Firemans Fund Insurance Companies (part of Allianz of America)	1998	430	360	83.7%
	1997	337	263	78.0%
Florists Mutual Group	1998	32	25	78.1%
	1997	38	28	73.7%
GAN North America Group	1998	38	33	86.8%
	1997	32	25	78.1%
General Accident Insurance (part of CGU Group)	1998	111	91	82.0%
	1997	146	110	75.3%
General Casualty Companies (part of Winterthur Swiss Group)	1998	591	497	84.1%
	1997	578	400	69.2%
GRE Insurance Group	1998	109	89	81.7%
	1997	60	49	81.7%
Great American Insurance Company (part of American Financial Group)	1998	48	29	60.4%
	1997	19	7	36.8%
Great West Casualty Company (part of Old Republic General Insurance Group)	1998	75	56	74.7%
	1997	47	41	87.2%
Grinnell Mutual Group	1998	267	201	75.3%
	1997	318	191	60.1%
Grocers Insurance Company (part of Orion Capital Companies)	1998	11	7	63.6%
	1997	0	0	0.0%
Guidant Insurance Group (formerly Preferred Risk Group)	1998	31	21	67.7%
	1997	42	23	54.8%
Gulf Insurance Group (part of Travelers Property Casualty Group)	1998	1	0	0.0%
	1997	0	0	0.0%

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Hanover Insurance Companies (part of Allmerica Property & Casualty Companies)	1998	2	0	0.0%
	1997	7	5	71.4%
Harleysville Mutual Insurance Company (part of The Harleysville Insurance Companies)	1998	1	0	0.0%
	1997	0	0	0.0%
Hartford Insurance Group	1998	326	283	86.8%
	1997	266	199	74.8%
Hawkeye Security Insurance Company (part of CGU Group)	1998	36	24	66.7%
	1997	25	12	48.0%
Heritage Mutual Group	1998	16	14	87.5%
	1997	15	11	73.3%
Highlands Insurance Group	1998	8	5	62.5%
	1997	13	8	61.5%
Houston General Insurance Company (part of CGU Group)	1998	1	0	0.0%
	1997	3	3	100.0%
Indiana Lumbersmens Mutual Insurance Company	1998	28	16	57.1%
	1997	29	12	41.4%
Industrial Indemnity Group (part of Fremont General Group)	1998	15	11	73.3%
	1997	17	9	52.9%
John Deere Insurance Group	1998	57	46	80.7%
	1997	37	32	86.5%
Kemper Insurance Companies	1998	963	839	87.1%
	1997	905	779	86.1%
Laurier Indemnity Company	1998	0	0	0.0%
	1997	13	10	76.9%
Legion Insurance Group	1998	24	20	83.3%
	1997	50	39	78.0%
Liberty Mutual Insurance (part of Liberty Mutual Insurance Companies)	1998	2043	1740	85.2%
	1997	1976	1549	78.4%
Lumber Insurance Companies	1998	122	99	81.1%
	1997	107	88	82.2%
Lumbersmens Underwriting Alliance	1998	231	205	88.7%
	1997	270	234	86.7%

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MADA Insurance Exchange	1998	248	219	88.3%
	1997	255	225	88.2%
Meadowbrook Insurance Group	1998	34	19	55.9%
	1997	24	10	41.7%
Milbank/State Auto Insurance Companies	1998	9	8	88.9%
	1997	6	4	66.7%
Millers First Insurance Companies	1998	28	21	75.0%
	1997	44	31	70.5%
Milwaukee Insurance Group (part of Unitrin Property & Casualty Insurance Group)	1998	33	23	69.7%
	1997	21	14	66.7%
Minnesota Assigned Risk Plan	1998	1251	870	69.5%
	1997	2027	1421	70.1%
Minnesota Fire & Casualty Group (part of Harleysville Insurance Companies)	1998	45	42	93.3%
	1997	34	28	82.4%
Mutual Insurance Corporation of America (formerly Michigan Physicians Mutual Group)	1998	634	595	93.8%
	1997	424	388	91.5%
Mutual Service Insurance Group	1998	12	10	83.3%
	1997	4	4	100.0%
National American Insurance Company	1998	15	13	86.7%
	1997	39	33	84.6%
National Farmers Union Casualty Group (part of CGU Group)	1998	40	34	85.0%
	1997	22	17	77.3%
Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company (part of Nationwide Group)	1998	1	1	100.0%
	1997	0	0	0.0%
Ohio Casualty Group	1998	44	40	90.9%
	1997	22	7	31.8%
Old Republic Insurance Company (part of Old Republic General Insurance Group)	1998	258	227	88.0%
	1997	265	197	74.3%
Pharmacists Mutual Insurance Company	1998	16	9	56.3%
	1997	26	19	73.1%
Phico Insurance Company	1998	8	7	87.5%
	1997	19	18	94.7%

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Reinsurance Association of Minnesota	1998	108	82	75.9%
	1997	129	72	55.8%
Reliance Insurance Group	1998	694	553	79.7%
	1997	676	551	81.5%
Republic Western Insurance Company	1998	3	1	33.3%
	1997	7	6	85.7%
Royal & SunAlliance USA	1998	148	70	47.3%
	1997	102	60	58.8%
Safeco Insurance Companies (part of Safeco Corporation)	1998	450	377	83.8%
	1997	414	342	82.6%
St. Paul Companies	1998	808	663	82.1%
	1997	958	749	78.2%
Secura Insurance Companies	1998	26	21	80.8%
	1997	64	42	65.6%
Sentry Insurance Group	1998	345	293	84.9%
	1997	421	337	80.0%
Signature Group	1998	1	1	100.0%
	1997	0	0	0.0%
State Farm Group	1998	213	180	84.5%
	1997	245	196	80.0%
State Fund Mutual Insurance Company	1998	2177	1928	88.6%
	1997	1998	1752	87.7%
Sumitomo Marine & Fire Insurance Company	1998	5	4	80.0%
	1997	5	3	60.0%
TIG Insurance Companies	1998	36	17	47.2%
	1997	32	16	50.0%
Tokio Marine & Fire Group	1998	1	1	100.0%
	1997	2	2	100.0%
Travelers Property Casualty (part of Travelers Property Casualty Group)	1998	1164	864	74.2%
	1997	1008	812	80.6%
Tri-State Insurance Company of Minnesota (part of W. R. Berkley Corp Group)	1998	206	159	77.2%
	1997	228	172	75.4%

Company Name	Fiscal Year	Number of Lost Time Claims	Number With Timely Action	Percentage With Timely Action
Union Insurance Company (part of W. R. Berkley Corp Group)	1998	49	38	77.6%
	1997	23	19	82.6%
United Fire & Casualty Group	1998	27	24	88.9%
	1997	22	12	54.5%
United States Fidelity & Guaranty Group (part of St Paul Companies)	1998	132	112	84.8%
	1997	66	58	87.9%
Universal Underwriters Group (part of Zurich Insurance Group)	1998	9	9	100.0%
	1997	5	4	80.0%
Utica National Insurance Group	1998	19	16	84.2%
	1997	30	25	83.3%
Vanliner Insurance Company	1998	21	11	52.4%
	1997	14	2	14.3%
Western National Mutual Group	1998	596	495	83.1%
	1997	558	435	78.0%
Westfield Companies	1998	105	58	55.2%
	1997	94	46	48.9%
Yasuda Fire & Marine Insurance Company	1998	2	2	100.0%
	1997	1	1	100.0%
Zurich American Insurance Group (part of Zurich Insurance Group)	1998	314	248	79.0%
	1997	371	295	79.5%
Zurich Commercial (formerly Maryland Casualty Company - part of Zurich Insurance Group)	1998	97	71	73.2%
	1997	121	63	52.1%

SELF-INSURED EMPLOYERS

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A. E. Goetz Company (no longer self-insured as of 10/15/96)	1998	2	2	100.0%
	1997	8	7	87.5%
ABF Freight System Incorporated	1998	14	11	78.6%
	1997	9	4	44.4%
Access Insurance Association	1998	17	11	64.7%
	1997	37	33	89.2%
Acrometal Companies Incorporated (no longer self-insured as of 8/1/97)	1998	7	7	100.0%
	1997	24	23	95.8%

Company Name	Fiscal Year	Number of Lost Time Claims	Number With Timely Action	Percentage With Timely Action
ADC Telecommunications Incorporated	1998	16	15	93.8%
	1997	21	19	90.5%
Adolfson & Peterson Incorporated (no longer self-insured as of 3/1/97)	1998	1	1	100.0%
	1997	9	7	77.8%
AG Processing Incorporated	1998	3	2	66.7%
	1997	1	1	100.0%
Allina Health System	1998	359	281	78.3%
	1997	370	296	80.0%
Alumacraft Boat Company	1998	2	2	100.0%
	1997	5	5	100.0%
American Crystal Sugar Company	1998	35	32	91.4%
	1997	20	19	95.0%
Amherst H. Wilder Foundation	1998	20	20	100.0%
	1997	13	9	69.2%
Amoco Corporation	1998	2	0	0.0%
	1997	1	1	100.0%
Anoka County	1998	17	17	100.0%
	1997	17	17	100.0%
Archdiocese of St. Paul & Minneapolis	1998	29	29	100.0%
	1997	22	19	86.4%
Arctic Cat Incorporated (formerly Arctco Incorporated)	1998	53	51	96.2%
	1997	56	50	89.3%
AT & T Corporation	1998	6	5	83.3%
	1997	11	10	90.9%
Badger Construction Equipment Company (no longer self-insured as of 1/1/97)	1998	2	2	100.0%
	1997	5	4	80.0%
Bauerly Brothers Incorporated	1998	15	12	80.0%
	1997	15	11	73.3%
Benedictine Group Self-Insurance Association	1998	45	41	91.1%
	1997	91	84	92.3%
Bermo Incorporated	1998	27	26	96.3%
	1997	29	26	89.7%

Company Name	Fiscal Year	Number of Lost Time Claims	Number With Timely Action	Percentage With Timely Action
Blandin Paper Company	1998	31	31	100.0%
	1997	43	43	100.0%
Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Minnesota (d.b.a. BCBSM Incorporated)	1998	14	13	92.9%
	1997	19	18	94.7%
Boise Cascade Corporation	1998	9	9	100.0%
	1997	6	6	100.0%
Borden Incorporated (no longer self-insured as of 7/1/97)	1998	0	0	0.0%
	1997	6	6	100.0%
Browning-Ferris Industries Incorporated (no longer self-insured as of 5/1/97)	1998	2	2	100.0%
	1997	56	41	73.2%
Brunswick Corporation	1998	12	12	100.0%
	1997	20	18	90.0%
Builders & Contractors Workers Compensation Fund	1998	32	29	90.6%
	1997	20	19	95.0%
Bureau of Engraving Incorporated	1998	6	5	83.3%
	1997	8	6	75.0%
Byerlys Incorporated (no longer self-insured as of 4/1/98)	1998	41	37	90.2%
	1997	47	39	83.0%
Cargill Incorporated	1998	19	15	78.9%
	1997	21	19	90.5%
Carl Bolander & Sons Company	1998	2	2	100.0%
	1997	11	8	72.7%
Carleton College	1998	9	5	55.6%
	1997	6	3	50.0%
Cenex Harvest States Cooperatives (formerly Harvest States Cooperatives)	1998	13	12	92.3%
	1997	27	22	81.5%
Certainteed Corporation	1998	1	1	100.0%
	1997	5	5	100.0%
Certified Power Train Specialist Incorporated (no longer self-insured as of 1/1/97)	1998	0	0	0.0%
	1997	2	2	100.0%
Champion Auto Stores Incorporated (no longer self-insured as of 6/15/97)	1998	0	0	0.0%
	1997	16	12	75.0%

Company Name	Fiscal Year	Number of Lost Time Claims	Number With Timely Action	Percentage With Timely Action
Champion International Corporation	1998	13	12	92.3%
	1997	6	4	66.7%
Children's Health Care	1998	24	18	75.0%
	1997	30	27	90.0%
City of Bloomington	1998	20	20	100.0%
	1997	10	10	100.0%
City of Duluth	1998	25	20	80.0%
	1997	19	16	84.2%
City of Eagan	1998	6	5	83.3%
	1997	5	5	100.0%
City of Faribault	1998	5	4	80.0%
	1997	2	2	100.0%
City of Minneapolis	1998	199	197	99.0%
	1997	231	218	94.4%
City of Plymouth	1998	3	1	33.3%
	1997	5	5	100.0%
City of Richfield	1998	8	8	100.0%
	1997	4	4	100.0%
City of Rochester	1998	9	9	100.0%
	1997	17	17	100.0%
City of Roseville	1998	3	3	100.0%
	1997	6	4	66.7%
City of St. Louis Park	1998	9	8	88.9%
	1997	9	6	66.7%
City of St. Paul	1998	115	92	80.0%
	1997	152	135	88.8%
CML Group Incorporated (d.b.a. Nordictrack Incorporated - no longer self-insured as of 8/1/98)	1998	14	13	92.9%
	1997	25	18	72.0%
Coca-Cola Enterprises Incorporated	1998	106	97	91.5%
	1997	70	61	87.1%
Cold Spring Granite Company	1998	10	9	90.0%
	1997	8	8	100.0%

Company Name	Fiscal Year	Number of Lost Time Claims	Number With Timely Action	Percentage With Timely Action
Conagra Incorporated	1998	103	90	87.4%
	1997	151	112	74.2%
Condux Corporation (no longer self-insured as of 1/1/99)	1998	22	18	81.8%
	1997	19	17	89.5%
Consolidated Freightways Corporation (no longer self-insured as of 10/1/96)	1998	2	0	0.0%
	1997	24	17	70.8%
Construction Services Group Self-Insurance Association	1998	19	18	94.7%
	1997	13	13	100.0%
Conwed Corporation	1998	1	1	100.0%
	1997	1	1	100.0%
Covenant Retirement Communities	1998	8	6	75.0%
	1997	14	11	78.6%
Crystal Cabinet Works Incorporated	1998	10	9	90.0%
	1997	8	6	75.0%
Cummins Engine Company Incorporated	1998	9	8	88.9%
	1997	18	16	88.9%
Dairy Farmers of America Incorporated (formerly Mid-America Dairymen Incorporated)	1998	15	7	46.7%
	1997	18	16	88.9%
Dakota County	1998	14	14	100.0%
	1997	14	13	92.9%
Dana Corporation	1998	40	37	92.5%
	1997	30	28	93.3%
Dayton Hudson Corporation	1998	219	174	79.5%
	1997	250	213	85.2%
Dean Foods Company (no longer self-insured as of 9/24/98)	1998	2	2	100.0%
	1997	3	2	66.7%
Deltak LLC (a subsidiary of Global Energy Equipment Group LLC)	1998	13	11	84.6%
	1997	5	5	100.0%
Diageo Incorporated (formerly Grand Metropolitan Incorporated)	1998	22	21	95.5%
	1997	20	20	100.0%
Diocese of Winona	1998	1	1	100.0%
	1997	5	5	100.0%

Company Name	Fiscal Year	Number of Lost Time Claims	Number With Timely Action	Percentage With Timely Action
Doherty Employment Group Incorporated (no longer self-insured as of 1/1/97)	1998	2	1	50.0%
	1997	76	76	100.0%
E. I. Dupont De Nemours & Company	1998	1	0	0.0%
	1997	1	1	100.0%
Eastman Kodak Company	1998	0	0	0.0%
	1997	4	4	100.0%
Eaton Corporation	1998	5	4	80.0%
	1997	1	1	100.0%
Ecowater Systems Incorporated	1998	15	12	80.0%
	1997	3	2	66.7%
EEP Workers Compensation Fund	1998	28	23	82.1%
	1997	16	14	87.5%
Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society (no longer self-insured as of 1/1/98)	1998	81	65	80.2%
	1997	119	96	80.7%
Fabcon Incorporated	1998	8	8	100.0%
	1997	12	11	91.7%
Fairmont Foods of Minnesota Incorporated	1998	8	8	100.0%
	1997	8	8	100.0%
Fairview Hospital & Healthcare Services	1998	283	239	84.5%
	1997	214	183	85.5%
Fairview Red Wing Health Services (formerly River Region Health Services)	1998	10	5	50.0%
	1997	2	2	100.0%
Farmland Foods Incorporated	1998	16	10	62.5%
	1997	22	21	95.5%
FDX Corporation (formerly Federal Express Corporation)	1998	86	74	86.0%
	1997	103	93	90.3%
Ford Motor Company	1998	123	121	98.4%
	1997	128	123	96.1%
Georgia-Pacific Corporation	1998	5	5	100.0%
	1997	6	4	66.7%
GFI America Incorporated	1998	3	3	100.0%
	1997	8	7	87.5%

Company Name	Fiscal Year	Number of Lost Time Claims	Number With Timely Action	Percentage With Timely Action
Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare	1998	2	2	100.0%
	1997	5	5	100.0%
Gillette Company	1998	2	2	100.0%
	1997	1	1	100.0%
Gopher Resource Corporation	1998	9	9	100.0%
	1997	8	8	100.0%
Gopher State Self-Insurance Group (no longer self-insured as of 7/1/97)	1998	1	1	100.0%
	1997	16	14	87.5%
Graco Incorporated	1998	21	16	76.2%
	1997	19	17	89.5%
Grede - St. Cloud Incorporated (a subsidiary of Grede Foundries Incorporated)	1998	0	0	0.0%
	1997	1	1	100.0%
Hancock Concrete Products Company Incorporated	1998	3	2	66.7%
	1997	1	1	100.0%
Health Care Group Self-Insurance Association of Minnesota	1998	204	174	85.3%
	1997	229	202	88.2%
Healtheast	1998	108	102	94.4%
	1997	124	110	88.7%
Healthpartners Incorporated	1998	43	31	72.1%
	1997	33	27	81.8%
Healthsystem Minnesota	1998	62	56	90.3%
	1997	69	66	95.7%
Hennepin County	1998	143	130	90.9%
	1997	139	120	86.3%
Honeywell Incorporated	1998	115	112	97.4%
	1997	122	120	98.4%
Hormel Foods Corporation	1998	86	69	80.2%
	1997	47	42	89.4%
Houston Industries Incorporated (d.b.a. Minnegasco - no longer self-insured as of 1/1/98)	1998	14	12	85.7%
	1997	35	25	71.4%
Hutchinson Area Health Care (no longer self-insured as of 8/1/98)	1998	19	16	84.2%
	1997	8	7	87.5%

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Hutchinson Technology Incorporated	1998	34	27	79.4%
	1997	53	33	62.3%
IBOCO Incorporated (no longer self-insured as of 5/1/98)	1998	7	5	71.4%
	1997	9	9	100.0%
IBP Incorporated	1998	9	8	88.9%
	1997	4	3	75.0%
International Paper Company	1998	2	1	50.0%
	1997	0	0	0.0%
Interstate Power Company	1998	5	4	80.0%
	1997	2	2	100.0%
ISD 11 - Anoka Hennepin	1998	26	26	100.0%
	1997	21	21	100.0%
ISD 535 - Rochester	1998	24	24	100.0%
	1997	13	8	61.5%
ISD 625 - St Paul	1998	89	69	77.5%
	1997	96	74	77.1%
Ispat Inland Mining Company (formerly Inland Steel Mining Company)	1998	12	12	100.0%
	1997	10	10	100.0%
Itasca County	1998	14	13	92.9%
	1997	23	22	95.7%
JC Penney Company Incorporated	1998	21	21	100.0%
	1997	25	20	80.0%
Jerome Foods Incorporated	1998	13	12	92.3%
	1997	12	9	75.0%
Jostens Incorporated (no longer self-insured as of 10/1/97)	1998	3	2	66.7%
	1997	8	7	87.5%
Kmart Corporation	1998	81	67	82.7%
	1997	127	80	63.0%
Land O' Lakes Incorporated	1998	36	34	94.4%
	1997	37	29	78.4%
League of Minnesota Cities	1998	498	455	91.4%
	1997	541	476	88.0%

Company Name	Fiscal Year	Number of Lost Time Claims	Number With Timely Action	Percentage With Timely Action
Louisiana-Pacific Corporation	1998	2	0	0.0%
	1997	1	1	100.0%
Lunda Construction Company	1998	2	2	100.0%
	1997	5	5	100.0%
Lupient Automotive Group	1998	7	7	100.0%
	1997	9	5	55.6%
Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota	1998	15	13	86.7%
	1997	29	25	86.2%
Malt-O-Meal Company (no longer self-insured as of 1/1/98)	1998	12	8	66.7%
	1997	16	11	68.8%
Marvin Lumber & Cedar Company	1998	29	21	72.4%
	1997	28	20	71.4%
Mayo Foundation	1998	291	286	98.3%
	1997	320	296	92.5%
McDonalds Corporation (no longer self-insured as of 1/1/99)	1998	31	28	90.3%
	1997	24	17	70.8%
McKesson Corporation (no longer self-insured as of 7/1/97)	1998	0	0	0.0%
	1997	4	4	100.0%
McLean Midwest Corporation	1998	0	0	0.0%
	1997	1	1	100.0%
ME International Incorporated (no longer self-insured as of 9/1/96)	1998	0	0	0.0%
	1997	4	4	100.0%
Medtronic Incorporated	1998	15	14	93.3%
	1997	14	13	92.9%
Metal-Matic Incorporated	1998	14	14	100.0%
	1997	9	9	100.0%
Metropolitan Airports Commission	1998	15	15	100.0%
	1997	11	9	81.8%
Metropolitan Council	1998	218	210	96.3%
	1997	258	234	90.7%
Midwest Safety Group Self-Insurance Association	1998	67	62	92.5%
	1997	51	46	90.2%

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Miller Dwan Medical Center (no longer self-insured as of 9/1/97)	1998	0	0	0.0%
	1997	6	6	100.0%
Minneapolis Park & Rec Board	1998	48	48	100.0%
	1997	44	43	97.7%
Minnesota Association of Townships	1998	3	1	33.3%
	1997	7	3	42.9%
Minnesota Communications Group	1998	14	7	50.0%
	1997	11	3	27.3%
Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust	1998	311	280	90.0%
	1997	336	275	81.8%
Minnesota Health Care Association	1998	87	74	85.1%
	1997	93	74	79.6%
Minnesota Manufacturers Group Self-Insurance Association	1998	42	39	92.9%
	1997	40	37	92.5%
Minnesota Masonic Home	1998	16	13	81.3%
	1997	5	2	40.0%
Minnesota Nonprofit Employers Workers Compensation Fund	1998	145	127	87.6%
	1997	104	97	93.3%
Minnesota Power Incorporated (formerly Minnesota Power & Light Company)	1998	14	14	100.0%
	1997	16	16	100.0%
Minnesota Rural Electric Workers Compensation Trust	1998	29	28	96.6%
	1997	23	21	91.3%
Minnesota School Boards Association	1998	461	417	90.5%
	1997	556	495	89.0%
Minnesota Soft Drink Association	1998	41	40	97.6%
	1997	38	34	89.5%
Nabisco Incorporated (formerly RJR Nabisco Incorporated)	1998	9	6	66.7%
	1997	8	8	100.0%
National Steel Pellet Company	1998	17	14	82.4%
	1997	14	13	92.9%
Nordstrom Incorporated	1998	4	2	50.0%
	1997	8	8	100.0%

Company Name	Fiscal Year	Number of Lost Time Claims	Number With Timely Action	Percentage With Timely Action
North Central Group Self-Insurance Association	1998	43	42	97.7%
	1997	28	23	82.1%
North Memorial Health Care (no longer self-insured as of 1/1/98)	1998	25	24	96.0%
	1997	33	29	87.9%
Northern States Power Company	1998	75	71	94.7%
	1997	50	47	94.0%
Northern Tool & Equipment Incorporated (formerly Northern Hydraulics Incorporated)	1998	16	13	81.3%
	1997	9	8	88.9%
Northwest Medical Center	1998	8	7	87.5%
	1997	9	8	88.9%
Old Home Foods Incorporated	1998	4	4	100.0%
	1997	3	3	100.0%
Olmsted County	1998	2	2	100.0%
	1997	9	9	100.0%
Oscar J. Boldt Construction Company	1998	8	6	75.0%
	1997	4	3	75.0%
Otter Tail Power Company	1998	3	3	100.0%
	1997	1	1	100.0%
Parker Hannifin Corporation	1998	5	5	100.0%
	1997	4	3	75.0%
Phillips Petroleum Company	1998	1	1	100.0%
	1997	0	0	0.0%
Plastech Corporation	1998	18	13	72.2%
	1997	16	13	81.3%
Polaris Industries Incorporated	1998	61	60	98.4%
	1997	50	47	94.0%
Potlatch Corporation	1998	54	50	92.6%
	1997	53	48	90.6%
Presbyterian Homes of Minnesota Incorporated	1998	31	30	96.8%
	1997	25	24	96.0%
Quadrangle Group Self-Insurance Association	1998	92	82	89.1%
	1997	109	101	92.7%

Company Name	Fiscal Year	Number of Lost Time Claims	Number With Timely Action	Percentage With Timely Action
R. D. Offutt Company	1998	6	4	66.7%
	1997	8	7	87.5%
Ramsey County	1998	52	45	86.5%
	1997	66	62	93.9%
Raven Industries Incorporated	1998	3	3	100.0%
	1997	9	7	77.8%
RCI Minnesota	1998	38	36	94.7%
	1997	62	58	93.5%
Red Wing Shoe Company Incorporated	1998	57	49	86.0%
	1997	61	51	83.6%
Regions Hospital (formerly St Paul Ramsey Medical Center)	1998	42	42	100.0%
	1997	55	55	100.0%
REM Group Workers Compensation Association (no longer self-insured as of 1/1/98)	1998	21	19	90.5%
	1997	42	39	92.9%
Ridgeview Medical Center	1998	16	16	100.0%
	1997	24	24	100.0%
Riscomp Industries Incorporated (d.b.a. RJ Associates - formerly CBM Industries)	1998	85	82	96.5%
	1997	38	35	92.1%
Riverview Healthcare Association	1998	10	8	80.0%
	1997	9	8	88.9%
Roadway Express Incorporated (no longer self-insured as of 7/1/96)	1998	0	0	0.0%
	1997	5	4	80.0%
Rosemount Aerospace Incorporated	1998	3	3	100.0%
	1997	6	6	100.0%
Rosemount Incorporated	1998	6	6	100.0%
	1997	11	11	100.0%
Royal Concrete Pipe Incorporated (no longer self-insured as of 8/1/97)	1998	1	1	100.0%
	1997	5	5	100.0%
Ryder Truck Rental Incorporated	1998	39	30	76.9%
	1997	48	36	75.0%
Ryt-Way Industries Incorporated (no longer self-insured as of 1/1/99)	1998	3	3	100.0%
	1997	10	8	80.0%

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St. Louis County	1998	68	67	98.5%
	1997	64	63	98.4%
St. Lukes Hospital of Duluth (no longer self-insured as of 1/1/99)	1998	17	15	88.2%
	1997	25	22	88.0%
St. Marys/Duluth Clinic Health System (new self-insured as of 7/1/97)	1998	53	52	98.1%
	1997	0	0	0.0%
Scimed Life Systems Incorporated (no longer self-insured as of 2/1/98)	1998	18	16	88.9%
	1997	15	13	86.7%
Sherwin Williams Company	1998	3	3	100.0%
	1997	3	2	66.7%
Smead Manufacturing Company	1998	19	17	89.5%
	1997	41	34	82.9%
Southern Minnesota Beet Sugar Cooperative	1998	22	22	100.0%
	1997	15	15	100.0%
Special School District #1	1998	124	110	88.7%
	1997	126	99	78.6%
Stan Koch & Sons Trucking Incorporated	1998	17	14	82.4%
	1997	17	16	94.1%
State of Minnesota	1998	695	630	90.6%
	1997	681	621	91.2%
Stone Container Corporation (no longer self-insured as of 9/19/98)	1998	6	4	66.7%
	1997	5	5	100.0%
Suburban Hennepin Regional Parks	1998	8	6	75.0%
	1997	7	7	100.0%
Supermarket Group Self-Insurance Association	1998	57	55	96.5%
	1997	60	55	91.7%
TC/American Monorail (no longer self-insured as of 2/7/98)	1998	5	3	60.0%
	1997	1	1	100.0%
The Builders Group (new self-insured as of 5/12/97)	1998	21	14	66.7%
	1997	0	0	0.0%
The Davey Tree Expert Company	1998	2	2	100.0%
	1997	2	1	50.0%

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The Limited Incorporated	1998	5	3	60.0%
	1997	7	7	100.0%
Thro Company	1998	19	17	89.5%
	1997	11	9	81.8%
Toro Company	1998	25	25	100.0%
	1997	31	30	96.8%
Trifac Workers Compensation Fund	1998	49	44	89.8%
	1997	9	8	88.9%
Tyson Foods Incorporated (d.b.a. Louis Kemp Seafood Company)	1998	8	6	75.0%
	1997	26	16	61.5%
U S West Communications Incorporated (no longer self-insured as of 6/12/98)	1998	63	60	95.2%
	1997	76	70	92.1%
University of St Thomas	1998	11	8	72.7%
	1997	6	6	100.0%
University of Minnesota	1998	108	99	91.7%
	1997	137	108	78.8%
Up North Plastics Incorporated	1998	2	2	100.0%
	1997	5	2	40.0%
Upper Midwest Industries Incorporated	1998	7	6	85.7%
	1997	6	5	83.3%
USF Holland Incorporated (a subsidiary of US Freightways Corporation)	1998	14	7	50.0%
	1997	3	3	100.0%
USX Corporation	1998	21	20	95.2%
	1997	24	24	100.0%
Virginia Regional Medical Center	1998	21	14	66.7%
	1997	16	12	75.0%
Walker Methodist Health Center Incorporated (no longer self-insured as of 2/1/97)	1998	0	0	0.0%
	1997	19	18	94.7%
Wayne Transports Incorporated	1998	5	4	80.0%
	1997	11	7	63.6%
Wells Concrete Products	1998	4	4	100.0%
	1997	5	5	100.0%

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Westinghouse Electric Corporation (no longer self-insured as of 1/1/97)	1998	1	1	100.0%
	1997	3	1	33.3%
Weyerhaeuser Company	1998	1	1	100.0%
	1997	0	0	0.0%
White Castle System Incorporated	1998	6	5	83.3%
	1997	5	4	80.0%
Willmar Poultry Company Incorporated	1998	27	23	85.2%
	1997	51	45	88.2%
Winona Health Services Incorporated	1998	15	14	93.3%
	1997	9	6	66.7%
Winona Knitting Mills Incorporated (no longer self-insured as of 8/1/96)	1998	0	0	0.0%
	1997	1	1	100.0%
Yellow Freight System Incorporated	1998	48	48	100.0%
	1997	57	55	96.5%
Young America Corporation (no longer self-insured as of 8/1/98)	1998	25	22	88.0%
	1997	12	9	75.0%

The only changes made to the FY 1997 data involve the transfer of approximately 70 claims between several insurers. This was usually caused by inaccurate reporting of the correct insurer by the claim administrator or due to changes in ownership of self-insured employers. Included in these are the following examples:

Eight (8) claims reported in the 1997 report under the Minnesota Assigned Risk Plan were actually claims under Hutchinson Area Health Care Self-Insured.

One (1) claim reported in the 1997 report under Northwestern National Insurance Company (part of Armco Insurance Group) was actually a claim under Highland Insurance Group.

Eight (8) claims reported in the 1997 report under Ebenezer Social Ministries Self-Insured (formerly Ebenezer Society) are now reported under Fairview Hospital & Healthcare Services Self-Insured due to Ebenezer being purchased by Fairview.

Nine (9) claims reported in the 1997 report under Health Care Group Self-Insurance Association of Minnesota are now reported under Mayo Foundation Self-Insured due to Naeve Health Care Association (formerly a part of Health Care Group) being purchased by Mayo.

Nine (9) claims reported in the 1997 report under Employers Insurance of Wausau were actually claims under Farmland Foods Incorporated Self-Insured.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A: First Report of Injury form

APPENDIX B: Notice of Insurer's Primary Liability Determination Form

APPENDIX C: Sample letter to insurer or self-insured employer

First Report of Injury

See Instructions on Reverse Side, Type or Print.
All dates must be entered in MM/DD/YYYY format

1. OSHA Case#



EMPLOYEE 2. Name (last, first, middle)		3. EMPLOYEE SOCIAL SECURITY NO:	
4. Home address (include county and zip)		5. DATE OF CLAIMED INJURY:	
		Do Not Use this Space	
6. Sex: ☐ Male ☐ Female		7. Marital Status: ☐ Married ☐ Unmarried	
8. Occupation:		9. Date of Birth: ____/____/____	
10. Date Hired: ____/____/____		11. Regular Dept:	
12. Home Phone No. (A/C, No.)		13. Apprentice: ☐ No ☐ Yes	
WAGE INFORMATION		15. Rate per hour:	
14. Average wage/week		16. Hours per day:	
17. Days per week:		18. What is the weekly value of MEALS: \$ _____ LODGING: \$ _____ 2nd INCOME: \$ _____	
19. Employment Status: ☐ Full time ☐ Part time ☐ Seasonal ☐ Volunteer (attach 26 week wage statement for part-time or irregularly scheduled employee.)			
OCCURRENCE 20. PLACE (include dept & full address)		21. Date of first day of any lost time: ____/____/____	
		22. Date employer notified of injury: ____/____/____	
		23. Return to work date: ____/____/____	
		24. Date employer notified of lost time: ____/____/____	
On employer's premises? ☐ Yes ☐ No		25. Date of death: ____/____/____	
		26. Time of day of injury: ☐ AM ☐ PM	
27. DESCRIBE NATURE OF INJURY OR ILLNESS IN DETAIL, BE SPECIFIC (include part(s) of body affected, e.g. amputation of right index finger at 2nd joint, fractured arm, lead poisoning)			
28. DESCRIBE EMPLOYEE'S ACTIVITIES WHEN INJURY OCCURRED WITH DETAILS OF HOW EVENT OCCURRED (include name of other individuals involved, tools, machinery, objects, vapors, chemicals, radiations, unnatural motions of employee)			
29. PHYSICIAN (full name, title, address and phone number)		30. HOSPITAL/CLINIC (name and address)	
		31. Witness and phone number:	
EMPLOYER 32. Legal name & mailing address incl. zip		33. Date form completed: ____/____/____	
		34. Unemploy ID No.:	
		35. SIC code	
36. Print supervisor's name and phone number:		37. Employer's Representative, print full name, title and phone number:	
SEND REPORT IMMEDIATELY - DO NOT WAIT FOR DOCTOR'S REPORT CONTAINS ALL ITEMS REQUIRED BY OSHA FORM 101			
EMPLOYER STOP HERE -- DO NOT USE THIS SPACE N P S T OCC			
INSURANCE 38. CARRIER (name, address & phone number)		39. Insurer ID No:	
		40. ADJUSTER Name & Address:	
		41. Insurance Class Code:	
		42. CARRIER CLAIM NUMBER	
		43. Date insurer received notice:	
		44. Adjuster ID No:	

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The filing of this report is not an admission of liability. It should be filed with your insurance carrier whenever anyone believes a work-related injury or illness has occurred. The prompt filing of this report with your insurance carrier and the Department of Labor and Industry is required by law. Failure to report the claim within ten days may subject you to penalties. (If you are self-insured, your time limit is 14 days.) You should file this report immediately with your insurer. This will allow your insurer as much time as possible to investigate the claim. Even if the claim is questionable, it is important that you report it promptly. If you question the claim, attach any additional information to this report. Each case should also be recorded on your OSHA 200 log, if necessary.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO THE EMPLOYER

Death or serious injury arising from employment must be reported to the Department of Labor and Industry within 48 hours of the occurrence. You may initially report by telephone (651-297-1272), telegraph, facsimile (651-215-0170), or personal notice within 48 hours, but that notice must be followed by the filing of this report with your insurer within seven days of the occurrence. If a reported injury subsequently results in death, a report of the death must be made to the Department and your insurer within 48 hours of when you are notified of the death.

Whenever you become aware of any work-related injury or illness that requires medical care or lost time from work, you must report the injury to your insurer as soon as possible. If the employee cannot work for a period of more than three days, the workers' compensation claim must be made on this form and reported to your insurer within ten days. However, your insurer may require that you file it sooner. Your insurer will forward the form to the Department of Labor and Industry if necessary.

Please print or type. It is absolutely essential that you fill in all the information you can. Each piece of information is needed to determine liability and entitlement to benefits. Failure to complete the form may result in delayed processing and possibly penalties. Provide copies to your insurance carrier and your injured worker. If the claim results in the employee's inability to work for a period of more than three days, send a copy of this report to the employee's local union office.

SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS TO THE EMPLOYER ON FILLING OUT THE FIRST REPORT OF INJURY FORM

- Item 1: OSHA Case #. Fill in the case number from the OSHA 200 log.
- Items 14-19: Be sure to fill in all the wage information. If the claimant does not work a regular work week, attach a 26 week wage statement and your insurer will calculate the appropriate average weekly wage.
- Item 21: Fill in the first day the employee lost any time from work, even if you paid the employee for the full day.
- Item 22: Be sure to fill in the date you first became aware of the injury or illness. This is used to determine whether the form is filed late. You have ten days from the date you became aware of this injury to report this to your carrier.
- Item 23: If the employee has not returned to work by the time you are filing this form, leave the box blank. If the employee has returned to work and you indicate this on the form, be sure to notify your insurer immediately if the injured employee misses time later due to this injury.
- Item 27: Be as specific as possible in describing the injury. Indicate (1) the nature of the injury: cut, sprain, burn, etc. and (2) parts of body injured: back, arm, hand, etc.
- Item 28: Be as specific as possible in describing the event. Indicate (1) name of object or substance involved: machine, tool, chemical, etc. and (2) type of accident: fall, struck by, etc.
- Items 34 and 35: Unemployment ID number and SIC code. These numbers are assigned by the Department of Economic Security. Call them at 651-296-6141 if you don't have an SIC or unemployment insurance number.
- Do not fill in items 38-44. Your insurer will add this information.

This material can be made available in different forms, such as large print, Braille or on a tape. To request, call (651) 296-2432 or 1-800-342-5354 (DIAL-DLI)/Voice or TDD (651) 297-4198.

ANY PERSON WHO, WITH INTENT TO DEFRAUD, RECEIVES WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS TO WHICH THE PERSON IS NOT ENTITLED BY KNOWINGLY MISREPRESENTING, MISSTATING, OR FAILING TO DISCLOSE ANY MATERIAL FACT IS GUILTY OF THEFT AND SHALL BE SENTENCED PURSUANT TO SECTION 609.52, SUBDIVISION 3.

NOTICE OF INSURER'S PRIMARY LIABILITY DETERMINATION



Employee Social Security Number	Date of Injury	Date of Death (if applicable)	DO NOT USE THIS SPACE
Employee		Employer	
Insurer/Adjusting Company		Claim Number	

THIS IS TO NOTIFY YOU THAT LIABILITY FOR YOUR WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIM HAS BEEN:

- ☐ 1. **ACCEPTED** and wage loss benefits will be paid.

Type of disability: ☐ Temporary Total (TTD) ☐ Temporary Partial (TPD) ☐ Permanent Total (PTD) ☐ Dependency Benefits (DEP)			
Date of payment:	Amount of payment:	Period of time covered with first payment:	Compensation Rate:
Ongoing payments will be made on _____ (day of week) at the following intervals _____ (weekly, biweekly, etc.), if applicable.			
☐ Full wage continuation by the employer under M.S. 176.221, subd. 9.			
☐ TPD payment made according to the wage loss verification received by the insurer on _____.			
☐ TPD payment will be paid following receipt of the wage loss verification from the employee or employer.			
☐ Fatality with dependents, payment made according to attached dependent information.			
☐ Fatality with no dependents, payment made to the Special Compensation Fund under M.S. 176.129, subd. 2.			

- ☐ 2. **ACCEPTED**, however, wage loss benefits will not be paid at this time for the following reason:

☐ A. Injury did not cause lost time from work beyond the three calendar day waiting period.
☐ B. Other reason: _____ _____ _____

- ☐ 3. **DENIED**. Primary liability has been denied for the claimed work related: ☐ injury ☐ death

Reason for Denial: _____ _____ _____ _____

Name of the person making this determination	Phone Number ()	Date Served
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION DIVISION ON ALL DETERMINATIONS:

First date of lost time:	Date employer notified of this lost time:	Initial return to work date:	Employee's average weekly wage:
If the initial return to work was followed by a new period of lost time, please complete the following information:			
First date of new period of lost time: _____		Date employer notified of this lost time: _____	

If making payment, please provide the following pre-injury wage information (if different from the First Report of Injury):

Apprentice: ☐ Yes ☐ No			Employment Status: ☐ Full time ☐ Part time ☐ Seasonal ☐ Volunteer			
Straight time ->	rate per hour:	hours per day:	days per week:	26 weeks earnings:	Total days worked in last 26 weeks:	Total weeks worked in last 26 weeks:
What is the weekly value of MEALS: \$ _____ LODGING: \$ _____ 2ND INCOME: \$ _____						
IF OVERTIME IS PAID OR IF EMPLOYEE IS IRREGULARLY SCHEDULED, ATTACH A 26 WEEK WAGE STATEMENT.						

INSTRUCTIONS TO EMPLOYEE/HEIRS AND DEPENDENTS**General Information**

This liability determination is the opinion of the insurer. If you have questions, you should first contact the person making this determination (see name and phone number on the front side of this form). If you still have questions, contact the Division's Customer Assistance Unit at (651) 296-2432 or (800) 342-5354. For northern Minnesota please call our Duluth office at (800) 365-4584. For the hearing impaired, please call our Telecommunication Device for the Deaf at (651) 297-4198. If there are problems with your case, there are several options available to you for resolving them informally.

Time Limitations

If the injury claim has been denied, this opinion may not be final. However, you may lose your right to benefits if you do not commence legal proceedings within three years after your employer/insurer filed your claimed injury in writing with the Division, not to exceed six years after the date of the claimed injury. If you have an occupational disease, you have three years from the date you learned that the cause of the disease might be work related and the disease first causes disability to begin legal proceedings.

If the death claim has been denied, this opinion may not be final. However, you may lose your right to benefits if you do not commence legal proceedings within three years after the employer/insurer filed the written notice of death with the Division, except that:

- 1) For claims where the employer/insurer did not pay benefits for the injury, commencement of legal proceedings cannot exceed six years from the date of injury resulting in the death.
- 2) For claims where the employer/insurer did pay benefits for the injury, commencement of legal proceedings cannot exceed six years from the date of death.

In very rare circumstances, there may be exceptions to the time limits noted above.

Employment Assistance

Also, for injured employees, if you disagree with this denial, cannot return to your former employment and would like vocational rehabilitation assistance, contact the Division's Vocational Rehabilitation Unit at (651) 297-1114 for a list of their offices. Contact the office nearest to you and provide them with a copy of this form.

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PLEASE KEEP A COPY OF THIS NOTICE FOR YOUR RECORDS.

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651-296-6107
TTY: 651-297-4198
1-800-DIAL-DLI

December 31, 1998

WHOEVER INSURANCE COMPANY
WHATEVER ADDRESS
SOME CITY MN ZIPCODE

Sample

Re: Some Employee Name / Some Employer Name
SSN: 555-55-5555 D/I: 99/99/99
Your Claim #: Some Claim Number

On 12/1/97, we received a Notice of Insurer's Primary Liability Determination (NOPLD) regarding the above claim. We have reviewed the information provided on the NOPLD and First Report of Injury forms and have found that the following information is incomplete (as indicated by an "X"):

- ☒ The first day of lost time: _____
- ☒ The date the employer was notified of initial lost time: _____
- ☒ The date of return to work: _____
- ☒ The first day of the new period of lost time: _____
- ☒ The date the employer was notified of the new period of lost time: _____
- ☒ The average weekly wage: _____

Please complete the requested information in the space provided and return this letter as soon as possible. This information is necessary in order for us to determine the timeliness of your initial action and/or whether the lost time exceeded the waiting period on the claim. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Sincerely,

A Name
Compliance Services Unit
State of Minnesota

This information can be provided to you in alternative formats (Braille, large print or audio tape).

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