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To: Claims Handling Offices for Insurance Carriers and Self Insured Employers

<u>From</u>: Frances Huntley-Cooper, Division Administrator

Subject: 2006 Mileage Reimbursement Rate

Purpose: Announce new mileage reimbursement rate effective May 1, 2006.

<u>Background</u>: The April 1, 2006 amendments to ss. 102.42(2)(b) and 102.61(1) and (1m)(c) codified longstanding Departmental policy that injured employees are to receive mileage reimbursement for travel at the same rate as state employees receive for business related mileage expense.

Effective May 1, 2006 the Joint Committee on Employee Relations approved an increase in the State's mileage reimbursement rate from \$0.385 to \$0.425 per mile for state employee travel.

Based on the change in the State's reimbursement rate, the mileage reimbursement rate for worker's compensation claims has increased to \$0.425 per mile for travel to obtain treatment or attend vocational rehabilitation training occurring on or after May 1, 2006.

<u>Action Requested</u>: Please inform all claim handlers of these changes.

Inquiries: If you have any questions, please contact us at (608) 266-1340.

Reference: Insurance Letter 458