

2024 Annual Report
SOUTH DAKOTA WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

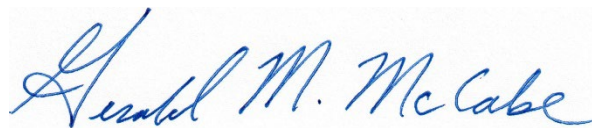
This document serves as the report of the Workers' Compensation Advisory Council (WCAC)'s meetings, discussions, and recommendations, pursuant to SDCL 62-2-10. Council members include Scott Stern (chair), Jesse Smith, Kate Lukkes, Kory Rawstern, Michael Plank, Jeff Kjenstad, Jason Dodson, Michael Williams, Susan Peterson, and Marcia Hultman (nonvoting member and Secretary of Labor and Regulation). The report is available to any interested person or group and can be found at dlr.sd.gov.

Effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, an overall average decrease of 1.3% was approved for the advisory loss costs in the voluntary market. This is the 13th consecutive decrease in loss costs in the voluntary insurance market. An overall average rate level decrease of 6.1% was approved in the Assigned Risk Market.

WCAC action for 2024 began at the July 16, 2024, meeting. The Council rejected a motion to recommend a proposed change to SDCL 62-7-10 to modify the timeline for notice of injury. The Council tabled a discussion regarding a proposal to create a presumption of coverage for firefighters related to certain types of cancers. The Council also heard from Scott Munsterman regarding cost drivers for workers' compensation and received the director's report.

The Council held its second meeting on November 21, 2024. The Council heard a medical data report from Susan Schulte with the National Council on Compensation Insurance (NCCI) and information from Rachel Thies and Ryan Noonan regarding outcomes for occupational medicine specialists and workers' compensation rates for medical services. The Council voted to delay any action on occupational medicine compensation rates for medical services until the next meeting. Submitted documents and Council minutes will be available at: https://dlr.sd.gov/workers_compensation/meetings.aspx.

Respectfully submitted on November 21, 2024, by the Workers' Compensation Advisory Council.



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