

2025 Annual Report - DRAFT
SOUTH DAKOTA WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

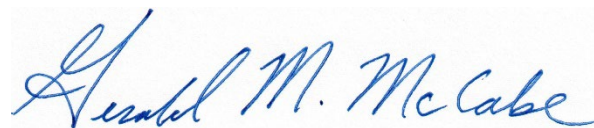
This document serves as the report of the Workers' Compensation Advisory Council (WCAC)'s meetings, discussions, and recommendations, pursuant to SDCL 62-2-10. As of the date of this report, current Council members include Amber Mulder (chair), Kate Lukkes, Kory Rawstern, Michael Plank, Jeff Kjenstad, Jason Dodson, Susan Peterson, Taya Runyan, 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, 2025, through June 30, 2026, an overall average decrease of 3.9% was approved for the advisory loss costs in the voluntary market. This is the 14th consecutive decrease in loss costs in the voluntary insurance market. An overall average rate level decrease of 8.8% was approved in the Assigned Risk Market.

WCAC action for 2025 began at the August 4, 2025, meeting. The Council heard a presentation from Gregory DeRynck, Program Director for the South Dakota State University OSHA Consultation Program. The Council passed a motion approving the Labor and Management Division to move forward with proposed rules changes to the workers' compensation medical fee schedule.

The Council held its second meeting on October 28, 2025. The Council heard a medical data report from Susan Schulte with the National Council on Compensation Insurance (NCCI). The Council also reviewed and acknowledged current South Dakota Attorney General's Office open meetings law guidance. Submitted documents and Council minutes will be available at: https://dlr.sd.gov/workers_compensation/meetings.aspx.

Respectfully submitted on October 28, 2025, by the Workers' Compensation Advisory Council.



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