2020 Annual Report
SOUTH DAKOTA WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

This document serves as the report of meetings, discussions, and recommendations of the Workers' Compensation Advisory Council (WCAC), pursuant to SDCL 62-2-10. Council members include Scott Stern (chair), Jesse Smith, Jean Murphy, Kory Rawstern, Randy Stainbrook, Russ Hohn, Guy Bender, Jason Dodson, Brooke Bohnenkamp, and the nonvoting member Department of Labor and Regulation (DLR) Secretary Marcia Hultman. The report is available to any interested person or groups and can be found at dlr.sd.gov.

Effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, an overall average decrease of 9.8% was approved for the advisory loss costs in the voluntary market, and an overall average rate level decrease of 8.4% was approved in the Assigned Risk Market from the previous year. This is the ninth consecutive decrease for loss costs in the voluntary insurance market. Injury frequency continues to decrease, and medical and indemnity severity increased slightly.

WCAC action for 2020 began at the July 1, 2020, meeting. The Council received the Division of Labor and Management's report about the state of the system. The public had the opportunity to offer comments. The Council held its second meeting on October 27, 2020. No recommendations were made for legislative or other changes. Submitted documents and Council minutes will be available at: http://dlr.sd.gov/workers_compensation/meetings.aspx.

Respectfully submitted on October 27, 2020, by the Workers' Compensation Advisory Council.

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