

## Office of the State Comptroller PAYROLL BULLETIN

# Subject New Workers' Compensation Program for P-774 PS&T Employees (NU-05) for Accidents on or after July 1, 1993 Date July 6, 1993

A new Workers' Compensation Program has been approved for employees in the Professional, Scientific and Technical Services Unit (NU 05) for job related injuries occurring on or after July 1, 1993. All employees under this program will receive the statutory benefit from the State Insurance Fund. Employees who choose to participate in the PS&T Medical Evaluation Program may also be entitled to receive a supplemental payment.

Effective Institution Period #7L, June 24-July 7, 1993 and Administration Period #8L, July 1-July 14, 1993, the following information should be used in reporting Workers' Compensation transactions for these employees.

#### EMPLOYEES WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEDICAL EVALUATION PROGRAM

Employees who participate in the Medical Evaluation Program are permitted to charge leave credits for the first five work days of the statutory seven calendar day waiting period. If leave credits exhaust prior to completion of the waiting period, the employee must, upon request, be placed on sick leave at half-pay, if eligible. Effective the eighth calendar day of disability, the employee must be placed on Workers' Compensation leave without pay. If leave credits exhaust prior to the completion of the waiting period and the employee does not request or is not entitled to sick leave at half-pay, Workers' Compensation leave without pay commences immediately. An employee who elects not to charge leave credits, is placed on Workers' Compensation leave without pay on the first day of disability.

While on Workers' Compensation leave without pay, an employee is treated as though in full pay status for the purpose of accruing biweekly leave accruals, continuous service, retirement service credit and health insurance benefits, for up to 9 cumulative months of absence. Specific instructions regarding retirement service credit and health insurance benefits will be addressed in a separate bulletin.

Employees who participate in the Medical Evaluation Program may also be eligible to receive a supplemental payment which when added to the statutory benefit would equal 60 percent of their gross pay. Specific instructions for supplemental payments will be addressed in a separate bulletin.

The following are transactions codes to be used for reporting Workers' Compensation transactions for employees participating in the Medical Evaluation Program.

1. WC PT SUP - This leave transaction code is used to place an employee on Workers' Compensation Leave with Percentage Supplement. Block Requirements are as follows:

Group 2 Class P

Block Requirements: 01 through 06

- WC PT SUP 07 Transaction Code

12 Trans Effective Date

- if applicable 23 Gross (Add) - if applicable 24 Normal (Deduct) - if applicable 26 Time Paid

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> Group 1 Class P

Block Requirements:

01 through 06

- REI PT SUP 07 Transaction Code 08 Line Changed To - if applicable - date employee is 12 Trans Effective Date

returned to the payroll

13 Title Code and Title

14 Jur Class

15 Salary Grade 16 Negotiating Unit

18 Appointment Code

21 Pay Basis Code

22 Salary Rate 23 Gross (Add)

- if applicable 25 Part Time %

26 Time Paid

- if applicable 27 Increment Code 28 Paid Thru (HRY,DLY,FEE)- ending date for

services

- if applicable 29 Ann Location Amt 30 Ann Inconvenience Amt - if applicable - if applicable 31 Ann Geog Amt or % - if applicable 32 Ann Shift Amt or %

if applicableif applicable

3. APT PT SUP - This dual purpose transaction code is used to report an appointment type transaction and place the employee on Workers' Compensation Leave With Percentage Supplement in the same Payroll Period. The Block Requirements are as follows:

Group 1 Class P

01 thru 06 Block Requirements: 07 Transaction Code - APT PT SUP 08 Line Change To - if applicable 12 Trans Effective Date - effective date of appointment transaction 13 Title Code and Title 14 Jur Class 15 Salary Grade 16 Negotiating Unit 18 Appointment Code 21 Pay Basis Code - blank for FEE employee 22 Salary Rate - if applicable 23 Gross (Add) - if applicable 24 Normal (Deduct) - if applicable 25 Part Time % - if applicable 26 Time Paid 28 Paid Thru (HRY,DLY,FEE) - ending date for services, if applicable - if applicable 29 Ann Location Amt 30 Ann Inconvenience Amt - if applicable - if applicable 31 Ann Geog Amt or % - if applicable 32 Ann Shift Amt or % 48 Empl Loc Code/Loc - effective date of 49 Misc Block A appointment transaction 50 Misc Block B - appointment transaction code - effective date of 51 Misc Block C WC PT SUP - WC PT SUP 52 Misc Block D

59 Prev State Agy/Code

60 Date of Separation

4. REF BELOW - This transaction code is used to report intermittent lost time for full day absences and absences of less than tendays that occur after an employee returns to work. Use BLOCKS 55-58 on the PR-75 to report lost time.

When the transaction codes WC PT SUP and APT PT SUP are reported, the employee will appear on the payroll register 'ON WCP'.

### EMPLOYEES WHO DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE MEDICAL EVALUATION PROGRAM

If an employee elects not to participate in the Medical Evaluation Program, the agency must place the employee on regular leave without pay for all absences related to the Workers' Compensation accident. The agency must submit a PR-75 using the transaction code LV OUT for reporting continuous absences of ten days or more. Continuous absences of less than ten days and all intermittent lost time must be reported by using the transaction code REF BELOW and completing the lost time blocks 55-58 on the PR-75.

#### NEED HELP?

Questions regarding the implementation or administration of the Workers' Compensation Medical Evaluation Program should be directed to the Employee Relations Section of the Department of Civil Service at (518) 457-5167.

Questions regarding the preparation of PR-75's should be directed to OSC's Workers' Compensation Unit at (518) 474-6004.