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Today's Learning Objectives

You'll learn about:

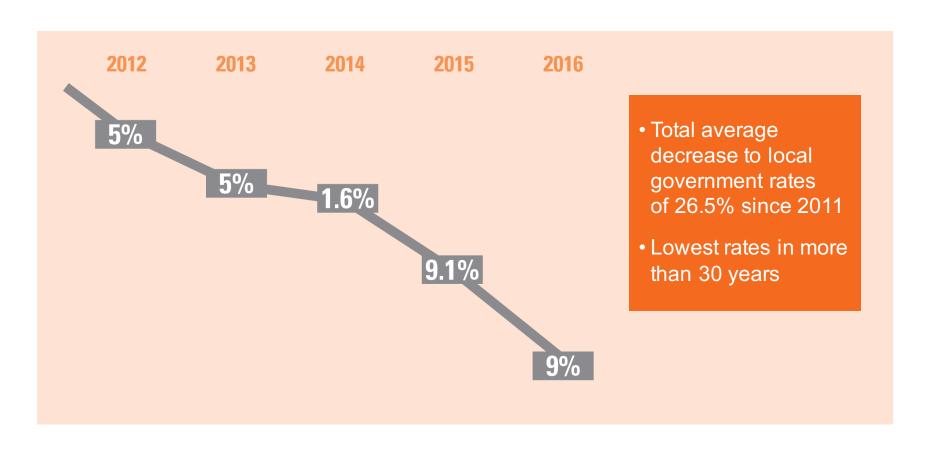
- Recent rate changes;
- The three elements of A Billion Back;
- The reasons for switching to prospective billing;
- The differences with prospective billing and what they mean to you;
- Significant dates and deadlines.





Public Employer Rate Cuts

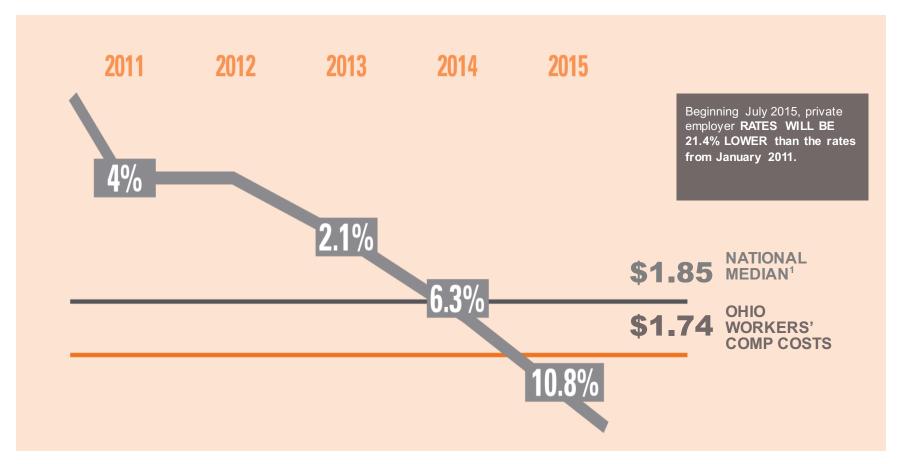
Public employer taxing district rate reductions (2012 – 2016)



Ohio's Workers' Compensation Rates



Private employer rate reductions (2011–2015)



^{1 2014} Oregon Premium Rate Ranking Study (per \$100 of payroll)

BWC: A Partner in Ohio's Economic Growth

Since 2011

- Reduced average rates nearly 30%
 - Cumulative savings to date \$1 billion
- Strong investments, conservative management
 - Two \$1 billion rebates



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Initiatives since 2011 = \$4.3 billion more for Ohio employers!

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Since 2011

- A modern, flexible billing system
 - \$1.2 billion in credits
- Tripled safety grants to \$15 million annually
 - \$40 million in grants

Increased Commitment to Safety

 Last year, BWC awarded \$15 million in safety grants to 539 employers.

 \$15 million will also be available to employers this year and next.

 Fiscal year July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016 – SPENT!

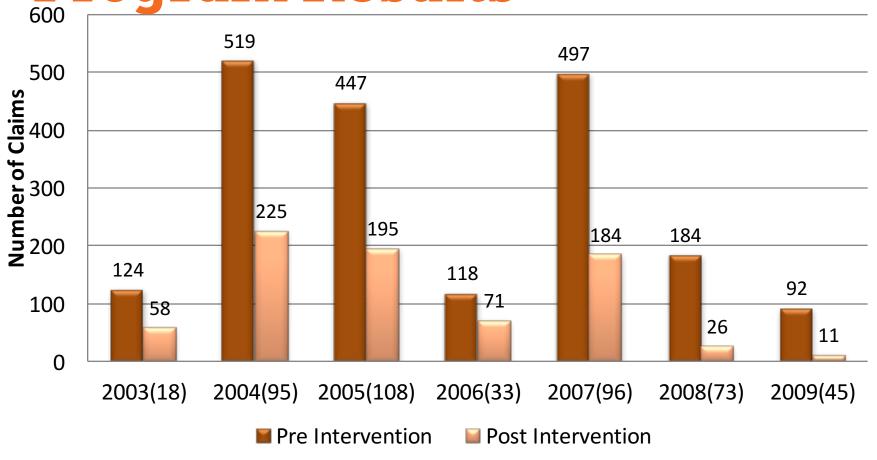
As well as July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017-

Early April, 2016 open to apps

Safety Grants

- Grants to assist employers in purchasing equipment that will substantially reduce or eliminate injuries
- 3-to-1 matching funds (up to \$40,000)
- Last year, BWC awarded \$15 million in grants to 539 employers
- Have you applied for your safety grant? If not ...
 what are you waiting for?





Overview of Prospective Billing

Why Transition to Prospective Billing?

- Industry standard
- More flexible payment options
- Decrease in base rates by 4%
- Increased ability for us to detect non-compliance and fraud



WAS TOO GENERAL A COST ESTIMATE.

Implementing Prospective Billing

- BWC will base estimated premium on the most recently reported policy year.
- Each year employers will receive a Notice of Estimated Annual Premium and their annual certificate of coverage.

Implementing Prospective Billing

- BWC will always use the most recently reported policy year to estimate an individual employer's premium obligation.
 - BWC used the July 1, 2013 June 30, 2014, payroll for policy year 2015. (Private Employer)
 - BWC used the January 1, 2014 December 31, 2014 payroll for policy year 2016. (Public Employer)

Implementing Prospective Billing

- In May of each year: (Private Employers)
 - Employers will receive a notice of estimated annual premium along with their annual certificate of coverage.
- The 2017 Notice of Estimated Annual Premium will be sent by Oct. 31, 2016. (Public Employers)

Installment Options – Starting 2017

- Annual (1);
- Semi-annual (2);
- Quarterly (4);
- Bi-monthly (6);
- Monthly (12).



Minimum payers (\$120 + fees and assessments)
 will not receive installment options.

Payroll True-up Report

- Prospective requires an annual payroll report trueup. BWC will send a reminder in July of each year.
- The employer must report actual payroll for the previous policy year.
 - Online or over the phone only
 - If additional premium is calculated, it is also due by Aug. 15.
 - If credit calculated, it will be released in normal process.
 - Employers must pay online to be eligible for the Gogreen rebate.

Payroll True-up Report

- Actual payroll is critical for rate setting. For that reason, any outstanding true-ups will result in:
 - Immediate disqualification from rating plans and programs for that current policy year;
 - Ineligibility to receive any rebates for the programs completed in the previous policy year;
 - Ineligibility for rating plan or programs in the upcoming program year.

Payroll True-up Report



 Failure to complete* the payroll true-up report will result in immediate disqualification from rating plans and programs.

*Complete = reporting and paying (if necessary).

Lapsing Coverage

 Coverage will lapse if installment is not paid on time.

 BWC will not lapse an employer who does not true-up, but BWC will certify to the Attorney General's office.



BWC E-account

- E-Account User ID and Password
 - Different from your account number
 - User specific
 - Primary User
 - Secondary User



- Your BWC E-account gives you access to claim and policy information.
 - Report and pay online
 - Review individual claims and transaction history
 - Complete year-end true-up

Rating Plan and Program Deadline (Private Employers)

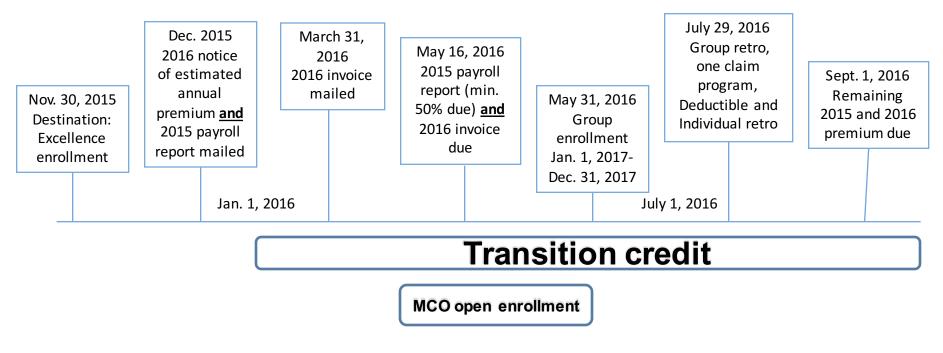
- Group-experience rating Monday prior to Thanksgiving
- Group retro, One Claim Program, Deductible, Individual retro – Last business day in January
- Destination: Excellence programs Last business day in May

Key Dates to Remember (Public Employers)



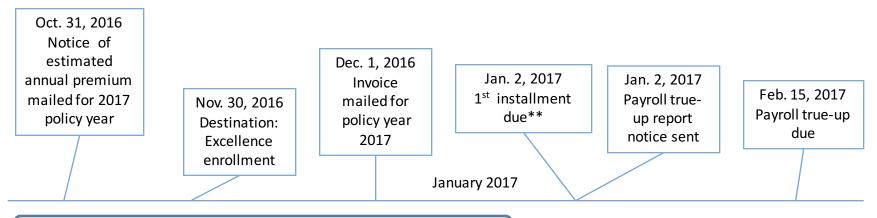
- May 2016 2015 payroll report payroll and first installment
- September 2016 second invoice and remaining premium due
- November 2016 Notice of Estimated Annual Premium
- December 2016 First installment for policy year 2017
- February 2017 First payroll true-up report due

Public Employer Timeline



- Destination: Excellence enrollment Last business day of November
- Dual premium billings: Payroll report and prospective invoice due May
 16 transition credit on both
- 2nd invoice in 2016 for both policy year 2015 and 2016 due Sept. 1 (again, transition credits on both)

Public Employer Timeline

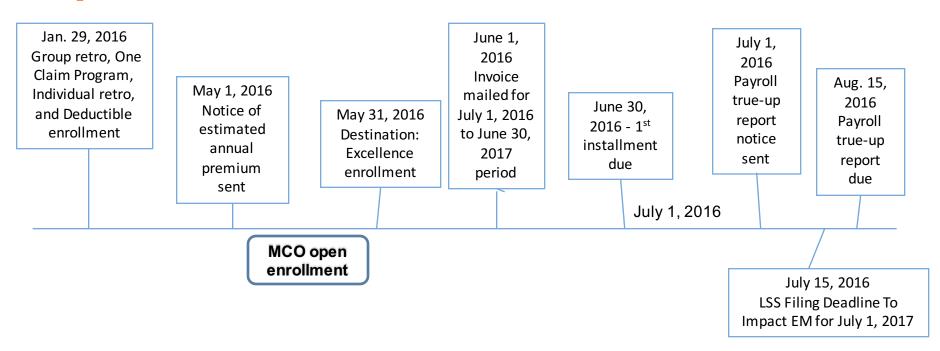


Transition credit

- Policy year 2017 notice of estimated annual premium sent late October.
- Policy year 2017 invoice sent Dec. 1; due Dec. 31.
- Payroll true-up report sent Jan. 2, due Feb. 15.

^{**}Deferred payment option can be used.

Private Emp. Policy Year – May 1, 2016 and Beyond



- Invoice mailed June 1 first installment due June 30
- Payroll true-up report notice sent July 1; due Aug. 15