December 22, 2017

R.C. 2458

Re: New York Workers Compensation Statistical Plan Revision

Members of the Rating Board:

I write to inform you that the New York State Department of Financial Services approved a change to the New York Workers Compensation Statistical Plan (“Plan”). The revision is applicable to reporting data on policies effective on or after January 1, 2018.

Specifically, the approved change clarifies that for permanent partial claims involving both a Scheduled Loss of Use award and a Non-Scheduled award, the reported injury type code should be the one that generated the higher incurred indemnity loss amount.

The modified and final versions of page R-28 of the Plan, reflecting the approved change, are attached for your convenience.

Very truly yours,

Ziv Kimmel
Senior Vice President
and Chief Actuary

Enclosures
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NOTE: For Permanent Partial claims that include or are expected to include both a Scheduled Loss of Use award and a Non-Scheduled award, report the injury type that generated the higher incurred indemnity loss amount.

d. Permanent Partial Disability — Non-Scheduled — Code 11

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