



AULTCOMP MCO

A WORKERS' COMPENSATION MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATION

AultComp MCO's Lifeline

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Don't Learn Safety by Accident!

December 2017 Welcome

Welcome to the Final AultComp MCO Newsletter for 2017!

It's hard to believe we are already approaching the end of 2017. With winter on the way, we're heading into a busy time of year that includes several major holidays coming back-to-back.

Although it's called "the most wonderful time of the year," it can feel like the most stressful time of the year because of our long lists of get-togethers and celebrations. The last thing anyone wants to add to their to-do list is worrying about workers' compensation claims. Let AultComp MCO help guide you through the process. If you have any claims questions, please feel free to contact me. I am always available for a phone conference, or I can meet you at your office to discuss and review claims.

AultComp MCO and Lori Goodnight from the BWC are planning a workers' compensation seminar

scheduled for March 27, 2018, at Aultman North in North Canton. We will cover a variety of topics from employee incident reports, best return to work practices, and how claims impact your BWC premium. Stay tuned for more information to follow.

I want to send special thanks to our team member, Carol, for coordinating several fundraisers that AultComp MCO staff members participated in this past year. As a team, we raised \$2,700.00! We made it matter in 2017 and made donations to Making Strides Against Breast Cancer, Wishes Can Happen, Juvenile Diabetes Association, and we made food donations to a local men's shelter.

The staff at AultComp MCO wishes you and your employees a Merry Christmas and safe and prosperous New Year.

Sam Randazzo

Employer Liaison

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Management Tip:

Important Manager Tips To Review!

- 1. Select the best people. As a manager, you are only as good as the people on your team.**
- 2. Be a motivator. Human beings do things because we want to.**
- 3. Build your team. It is not enough that people are motivated to succeed at work.**
- 4. Be a leader; not only a manager.**

REMINDER - BE SAFE

Winter Safety Tips

• Drive Safely in the Snow

- Driving in the winter means changes in the way you drive. Snow, sleet and ice can lead to hazardous road conditions. **Prepare your vehicle** for the upcoming winter season with these helpful tips in the link above.

• Avoid Strain while Shoveling

- **Shoveling snow** is a major winter activity in many parts of the United States. Taking a few precautions can help you prevent unnecessary pain and suffering. Click the link above to learn more.

• Treat Frostbite Immediately

- Use first aid to help someone who may have **hypothermia or frostbite**. Online and classroom courses are available through NSC.

• Prevent Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

- Carbon monoxide detectors save lives, but less than one-third of American homes have one installed. With December and January at the peak of **CO poisonings**, check out our fact sheet and be sure to follow tips like these:
- Replace the battery for your home's CO detector each spring and fall
- Do not heat your home with a gas range or oven
- Never run a car or truck inside an attached garage

News Release

U.S. Department of Labor | Nov. 22, 2017

U.S. Department of Labor’s OSHA Extends Compliance Date for Electronically Submitting Injury, Illness Reports to December 15, 2017

WASHINGTON, DC – To allow affected employers additional time to become familiar with a new electronic reporting system launched on August 1, 2017, the U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has extended the date by which employers must electronically report injury and illness data through the [Injury Tracking Application \(ITA\)](#) to December 15, 2017.

OSHA’s final rule to Improve Tracking of Workplace Injuries and Illnesses sets December 15, 2017, as the date for compliance (a two-week extension from the December 1, 2017, compliance date in the proposed rule). The rule requires certain employers to electronically submit injury and illness information they are already required to keep under existing OSHA regulations.

Unless an employer is under federal jurisdiction, the following OSHA-approved State Plans have not yet adopted the requirement to submit injury and illness reports electronically: California, Maryland, Minnesota, South Carolina, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. Establishments in these states are not currently required to submit their summary data through the ITA. Similarly, state and local government establishments in Illinois, Maine, New Jersey, and New York are not currently required to submit their data through the ITA.

OSHA is currently reviewing the other provisions of its final rule to Improve Tracking of Workplace Injuries and Illnesses, and intends to publish a notice of proposed rulemaking to reconsider, revise, or remove portions of that rule in 2018.

Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their employees. OSHA’s role is to ensure these conditions for America’s working men and women by setting and enforcing standards, and providing training, education and assistance. For more information, visit www.osha.gov.

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Ohio BWC Information



Canton Customer Service Office December training

Customer Service Office December training classes.

Date	Class	Time
Dec. 6	Safety for the Non-Safety Professional	1 Day
Dec. 11	Safety Series Workshop Module 3	½ day in the afternoon
Dec. 14	Effective Safety Teams	1 Day

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