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#### **BUREAU CIRCULAR NO. 1528**

To All Members of the Bureau:

# Re: MANUAL REVISIONS - SECTION 1 RULE IX H. PENNSYLVANIA CONSTRUCTION CLASSIFICATION PREMIUM ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

The Pennsylvania Compensation Rating Bureau has filed and the Insurance Commissioner has approved Manual revisions to Section 1, Rule IX, H. Pennsylvania Construction Classification Premium Adjustment Program (PCCPAP). These revisions are **effective 12:01 a.m.**, **October 1, 2007** with respect to new and renewal business only.

For policies with anniversary rating dates on or after October 1, 2007 the following changes to the PCCPAP plan are applicable:

- First, qualifying wages are to be based on the Third Quarter of 2006, as this data is now
  or soon will be available and represents a more current level of employment and wage
  activity for construction employers.
- Second, the minimum hourly wage eligible for premium credit is to be updated in accordance with the most recent change in the Statewide Average Weekly Wage (SAWW). This change revises the minimum wage eligible for PCCPAP premium credit to \$23.25 per hour.

This qualifying wage has been rounded to the nearest \$0.05, with the expectation that that convention will be retained in subsequent years.

 Third, consistent with procedural changes previously approved pursuant to Bureau filings pertaining to the PCCPAP 1995 through 2006, revisions have been made in the increments in qualifying wages used in constructing the PCCPAP table of premium credits.

A copy of the complete PCCPAP credit table effective for normal anniversary rating dates on or after October 1, 2007 in the text of Section 1, Rule IX, H. is shown at the end of this circular.

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Questions about PCCPAP should be directed to the Rating Rules & Policy Reporting Department at Extension 4445.

The Manual will be updated on our website (www.pcrb.com) at a future date.

The Bureau will advise qualifying employers and their insurers of record of credits using normal procedures.

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Remember to visit our web site at www.pcrb.com for more information about this and other topics.

## **MANUAL REVISIONS**

### **SECTION 1**

# RULE IX – SPECIAL CONDITIONS OR OPERATIONS AFFECTING COVERAGE

H. PENNSYLVANIA CONSTRUCTION CLASSIFICATION PREMIUM ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM

1. The Pennsylvania Construction...... as set forth below:

FROM		<u>TO</u>	
Normal Anniversary Rating Dates	Reporting Period for Qualifying Wages	No Change	
[July 1, 2001 June 30, 2002	Third calendar quarter of 2000]	Delete	
July 1, 2002 - June 30, 2003	Third calendar quarter of 2001	No Change	
July 1, 2003 - June 30, 2004	Third calendar quarter of 2002	No Change	
July 1, 2004 - September 30, 2005	Third calendar quarter of 2003	No Change	
October 1, 2005 September 30, 2006	Third calendar quarter of 2004	No Change	
October 1, 2006 [and later]	Third calendar quarter of 2005	October 1, 2006 <u>-</u> September 30, 2007	Third calendar quarter of 2005
No current entry		October 1, 2007 and later	Third calendar quarter of 2006
If the insured	is listed below:	No Change	

**DELETE** table for Normal Anniversary Rating Dates – July 1, 2002 – June 30, 2003

**NO CHANGE** to tables for *Normal Anniversary Rating Dates – July 1, 2003 – June 30, 2004, and July 1, 2004 – September 30, 2005, and October 1, 2005 – September 30, 2006.* 

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FROM TO

Normal Anniversary Rating Dates October 1, 2006 [and later]

Normal Anniversary Rating Dates October 1, 2006 - September 30, 2007

#### Table Values Unchanged

The following **NEW** table has been added:

FROM TO

No current entry <u>Normal Anniversary Rating Dates -</u>

October 1, 2007 and later

Credit From Credit From No current entry Average Average Standard Standard **Hourly Wage Premium** Hourly Wage <u>Premium</u> \$23.24 or less None \$28.85-\$29.34 18% No current entry \$23.25-\$23.59 5% \$29.35-\$29.89 19% \$23.60-\$23.99 6% \$29.90-\$30.44 20% \$24.00-\$24.39 \$30.45-\$30.99 7% 21% \$24.40-\$24.79 8% \$31.00-\$31.54 22% \$24.80-\$25.19 9% \$31.55-\$32.14 23% \$25.20-\$25.59 10% \$32.15-\$32.74 24% \$32.75-\$33.39 25% \$25.60-\$26.04 11% \$26.05-\$26.49 12% \$33.40-\$34.04 26% 27% \$26.50-\$26.94 13% \$34.05-\$34.69 14% 28% \$26.95-\$27.39 \$34.70-\$35.39 \$27.40-\$27.84 15% \$35.40-\$36.09 29% \$27.85-\$28.34 16% \$36.10 and over 30% \$28.35-\$28.84 17%

Balance of the Rule remains unchanged.