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VIA SERFF

The Honorable Jessica Altman
Insurance Commissioner
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Insurance Department
1311 Strawberry Square
Harrisburg PA 17120

Attention: Michael McKinney, Actuarial Supervisor, Property & Casualty Bureau

**RE: PCR B Filing No. 290 – Effective October 1, 2017
Correction to update the classification description for Code 943-Home Care
Services**

Dear Commissioner Altman:

On behalf of the members of the Pennsylvania Compensation Rating Bureau (PCR B), we hereby submit this filing to correct recent filing activity undertaken by the PCR B related to the Classification Procedural Change for Code 972 - Attendant Care, which has an approval date of October 1, 2017.

PCR B Filing 285 included pages from the Pennsylvania Manual of Rules, Classifications and Rating Values for Workers Compensation and Employers Liability Insurance (Basic Manual) which referenced the classification description for Code 943 - Home Care Services – all employees **including** office. The reference only occurs on the Basic Manual pages and is not included in any of the supporting documentation as it was not PCR B's intent to amend the classification description.

As shown in the current Basic Manual Language, the description for classification Code 943 is Home Care Services – all employees **except** office. The description for Code 943 has always been designated "...all employees except office". To correct the approved filing, PCR B is submitting for approval, new Manual pages, with a proposed effective date of October 1, 2017.

The PCR B respectfully requests a prompt approval of this filing as presented.

The PCR B will be pleased to answer any questions that you or the Insurance Department staff may have regarding this proposal.

Sincerely,

William V. Taylor
President

**PENNSYLVANIA WORKERS COMPENSATION MANUAL OF RULES, CLASSIFICATIONS AND
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