

BWC Update

News from the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation

Private employers: Prepare for prospective billing

Enroll in Destination: Excellence programs by May 29 to earn rebates

As you may be aware, the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) is switching to prospective billing July 1 for private employers. That means the workers' compensation premium policy period is moving from a six-month period to a full fiscal year; it will run from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

Public employers, who will transition to prospective billing Jan. 1, 2016, will remain on a calendar year policy period.

As part of the prospective billing implementation, enrollment is currently underway for private employers to sign up for several of the Destination: Excellence programs. Destination: Excellence is a bundle of programs BWC offers that help businesses improve workplace safety, enhance injured worker care and save money on workers' compensation costs.

Private employers may sign up with BWC between now and May 29 for these programs:

- **Industry-Specific Safety Program**, a 3 percent premium rebate for completing loss-prevention activities;
- **Drug-Free Safety Program**, a 4 or 7 percent premium rebate for incorporating an alcohol and drug testing and education program;
- **Transitional Work Bonus Program**, up to a 10 percent premium rebate for successfully returning an injured worker released with restrictions back to work.

BWC's new [Destination: Excellence brochure](#) includes more details about the programs and enrollment deadlines.

Coming soon ... in late May, BWC will mail all private employers a notice of estimated annual premium (like [this sample](#)). This notice will be based on your reported payroll for July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014. It is not a bill, but please review it for accuracy and contact BWC if you feel something is incorrect.

Additional information on prospective billing, including timelines, frequently asked questions and key dates to remember, are available at bwc.ohio.gov.