



Workers' comp billing changes coming; seminars and webinars available

Starting Jan. 1, 2016, the [Bureau of Workers' Compensation's](#) (BWC) process for billing public employer taxing districts for premiums is changing. BWC is adopting prospective billing, which means payment will be required before coverage is extended.



To help public employers better understand the upcoming change, BWC is hosting free, two-hour seminars around the state to discuss process changes, timelines and the transition credit. These seminars also include information about workplace safety and can satisfy training requirements for certain BWC programs.

If you can't attend a seminar, free webinars about prospective billing are available. This condensed version of the program does not include the additional safety training component and does not qualify for training credit for BWC programs.

For more information about prospective billing seminars and webinars, visit the [prospective seminars](#) and [webinars](#) pages, both on [bwc.ohio.gov](#). **BWC has confirmed that attending one of the in-person seminars includes one hour of the required safety training for Group and Group Retro members.**

There are several benefits to prospective billing, including a reduction in rates. BWC staff recently proposed a nine percent cut in local government rates, thanks in part due to prospective billing, which accounts for 3.9 percent of the proposed overall reduction. BWC's board of directors is expected to vote on the issue Sept. 24. In addition, BWC is providing a premium credit to all public employers of 50 percent off the 2015 and 2016 premium due. This allows BWC to transition the public employers without double billing them.