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A total of \$244.6 million was paid in workers' compensation benefits during calendar year 2010. This is an increase of .4% from 2009's total of \$243.7 million.

Of this amount, \$175.0 million, 71.6%, was paid by market-



Total Compensation Payments



insured employers, and \$69.6 million, 28.4%, was paid by selfinsured employers. This compares to \$179.0 million, 73.4%, paid by market-insured employers, and \$64.6 million, 26.6%, paid by self-insured employers in 2009.

MEDICAL BENEFITS

In 2010, medical benefits totaled \$148.3 million, down .93% from \$149.6 million in 2009. Medical benefits were 60.6% of total benefits paid in 2009, compared to 61.4% of total benefits paid in 2009. **Medical Payments**



INDEMNITY BENEFITS

For calendar year 2010 indemnity benefits (TTD, TPD, PPI, and PTD) totaled \$53.8 million, up 2.5% from \$52.5 million in 2009. TTD benefits increased 3.2%, from \$30.1 million to \$31.1 million; TPD benefits decreased 2.3%, from \$1.08 million to \$1.06 million; PPI benefits decreased 8.6%, from \$15.2 million to \$13.9 million; and PTD benefits increased 27.4% from \$6.1 million to \$7.8 million.







REEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

Reemployment benefit payments increased 8.6% in 2010, to \$12.9 million from \$11.9 million in 2009. Compensation paid while under rehabilitation, 041(k) benefits, increased 8.3%, from \$6.9 million in 2009 to \$7.5 million in 2010. Employee evaluation costs increased 22.8%, from \$1.6 million to \$1.9 million. Rehabilitation specialist fees increased 15.2%, from \$390,851 to \$450,108. Plan development costs decreased 1.9%, from \$1.5 million to \$1.47 million. Plan



monitoring fees decreased 28.4%, from \$834,112 to \$597,315. Job dislocation benefits, 041(g), increased 45.7%, from \$656,860 to \$957,230.

LEGAL EXPENSES

Legal expenses increased 2.8%, to \$15.8 million in 2010 from \$15.4 million in 2009. Employee attorney fees increased 1.28%, from \$4.95 million to \$5.01 million; employer attorney fees increased 7.31%, from \$8.96 million to \$9.62 million; and litigation costs decreased 20.1%, from \$1.47 million to \$1.17 million.

ANALYSIS OF WORKERS' COMP CLAIMS



Of the case files set up by the Division in FY11, 14,128 cases, 68.0%, were no-time-loss cases; 6,544 cases, 31.5%, were time-loss cases; 28 cases, .13%, were fatalities, and 76 cases, .36%, were jurisdictional claims.



CLAIMS & PETITIONS

In FY11, the number of reports of injury and occupational illness submitted to the Workers' Compensation Division increased 7.5%, from 19,321 in FY10 to 20,776 in FY11.



In FY11, the number of claims filed decreased 1.4%, from 1,298 in FY10 to 1,280 in FY11. The number of petitions filed increased 22.8%, from 741 to 910. The total number of controversion notices filed increased .4%, from 4,278 to 4,293, and the total number of cases controverted in FY11 increased 1.3%, from 3,174 cases to 3,216 cases.

Body Part Injured



Top 10 Injuries by Body Part Injured

- 1. back injuries (12.9%)
- 2. multiple body part injuries (12.3%)
- 3. finger injuries (12.1%)
- 4. leg injuries (10.7%)
- 5. hand injuries (5.4%)



- 6. arm injuries (5.2%)
- 7. shoulder injuries (5.0%)
- 8. eye injuries (4.3%)
- 9. nonclassifiable injuries (3.9%).
- 10. ankle injuries (3.9%)

Based on Department of Labor & Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section data, total average employment in 2011 was estimated at 332,589 up 2.4% from 324,633 in 2010. Excluding federal employees, the number of workers covered under the Alaska Workers' Compensation Act in 2011 was approximately 315,556.

Using the number of time-loss claims established by the Workers'

Compensation Division, the time loss rate per 100 employees in 2011 was 2.07, up 0.98% from a loss rate of 2.05 in 2010.

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Using the number of fatalities established by the Workers' Compensation Division, the fatality rate per 100 employees in 2011 was .009, up 12.5% from a fatality rate of .008 in 2010.

OTHER

The top twenty insurers/self-insured employers paid \$166.6 million, or 68.4% of total workers' compensation benefits paid in 2010. This compares to \$166.5 million or 68.3% in 2009.

The top five insurers/self-insured employers by benefits paid in 2010 were Alaska National Insurance Co. at \$32.6 million, State of Alaska at \$24.1 million, Liberty Northwest Insurance Co. at \$15.1 million, Commerce & Industry Ins. Co. at \$11.4 million, and Ace American Insurance Co. at \$9.9 million.

For the most recent statistical year available, calendar year 2009, the Division of Insurance reported 189 insurance companies authorized to write workers' compensation insurance in Alaska, with direct premiums written totaling \$255.6 million. This compares to 186 admitted insurers writing \$284.8 million in direct premiums in calendar year 2008. Of direct premiums written in 2009, three companies wrote 46.8% of the policies. Alaska National Insurance Co. had 28.3% of the market share, Liberty Northwest Insurance Co had 10.9% of the market share, and Commerce & Industry Insurance Co. (Chartis) had 7.65% of the market.

In calendar year 2011, workers' compensation premium rates decreased 2.5%, compared to a premium decrease of 10.3% in 2010. Despite six consecutive years of rate reductions, Alaska continues to have one of the highest premium rates in the country.

During calendar year 2010, there were no new notices of rehabilitation or liquidation for admitted Alaskan workers' compensation insurers.

2010	2008		Index	Percent of						
Ranking	Ranking	State	Rate	study median	Effective Date					
1	2	Montana	3.33	163%	July 1, 2009					
2	1	Alaska	3.10	152%	Jan. 1, 2010					
3	10	Illinois	3.05	149%	Jan. 1, 2010					
4	9	Oklahoma	2.87	141%	11/1/09 state fund, 1/1/10 private					
5	13	California	2.68	131%	Jan. 1, 2010					
6	20	Connecticut	2.55	125%	Jan. 1, 2010					
7	16	New Jersey	2.53	124%	Jan. 1, 2010					
8	5	Maine	2.52	123%	Jan. 1, 2010					
10	14	New Hampshire	2.45	120%	Jan. 1, 2010					
10	8	Alabama	2.45	120%	March 1, 2009					
12	17	Texas	2.38	117%	May 1, 2009					
12	12	South Carolina	2.38	117%	July 1, 2009					
13	19	New York	2.34	115%	Oct. 1, 2009					
14	15	Pennsylvania	2.32	114%	April 1, 2009					
15	7	Kentucky	2.29	112%	Oct. 1, 2009					
16	24	Minnesota	2.27	111%	Jan. 1, 2010					
17	3	Ohio	2.24	110%	July 1, 2009					
18	4	Vermont	2.22	109%	April 1, 2009					
19	34	Wisconsin	2.21	108%	Oct. 1, 2009					
20	21	Tennessee	2.19	108%	Nov. 4, 2009					
21	18	Nevada	2.13	104%	March 2, 2009					
23	32	Michigan	2.12	104%	Jan. 1, 2009					
23	22	North Carolina	2.12	104%	April 1, 2009					
24	25	Georgia	2.08	102%	July 1, 2009					
25	11	Louisiana	2.06	101%	Oct, 1, 2009					
26	38	Washington	2.04	100%	Jan. 1, 2010					
28	36	South Dakota	2.02	99%	July 1, 2009					
28	26	Rhode Island	2.02	99%	Jan. 1, 2010					
29	34	Idaho	1.98	97%	Jan. 1, 2010					
30	32	Nebraska	1.97	97%	Feb. 1, 2009					
31	24	Mississippi	1.96	96%	March 1, 2009					
32	32	New Mexico	1.91	94%	Jan. 1, 2010					
33	28	Missouri	1.90	93%	Jan. 1, 2010					
34	7	Delaware	1.85	91%	Dec. 1, 2009					
35	41	West Virginia	1.84	90%	Nov. 1, 2009					
36	41	lowa	1.82	89%	Jan. 1, 2010					
37	37	Wyoming	1.79	88%	Jan. 1, 2010					
38	45	Arizona	1.71	84%	Jan. 1, 2010					
40	36	Hawaii	1.70	83%	Jan. 1, 2010					
40	28	Florida	1.70	83%	Jan. 1, 2010					
41	39	OREGON	1.69	83%	Jan. 1, 2010					
42	44	Maryland	1.63	80%	Jan. 1, 2010					
43	42	Kansas	1.55	76%	Jan. 1, 2010					
44	49	Massachusetts	1.54	75%	Sept. 1, 2008					
45	46	Utah	1.46	71%	Dec. 1, 2009					
47	43	Colorado	1.39	68%	Jan. 1, 2010					
47	48	Virginia	1.39	68%	April 1, 2009					
48	29	District of Columbia	1.32	65%	Nov. 1, 2009					
49	47	Arkansas	1.18	58%	July 1, 2009					
50	50	Indiana	1.16	57%	Jan. 1, 2010					
51	51	North Dakota	1.02	50%	July 1, 2009					

Notes: Starting with the 2008 study, when two or more states' Index Rate values are the same, they are assigned the same rank-

2010 Oregon Workers' Compensation Premium Ranking Summary Courtesy Oregon Department of Consumer & Business Services





Courtesy 2011 Alaska State Advisory Forum, National Council on Compensation Insurance



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Alaska's Average Indemnity Severity

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Summary of Relative Reimbursement By State, Specialty, and Payer

	Medicaid					Workers' Compensation					Commercial (Mean Allowed Charge)							
	AK	ID	ND	OR	WA	WY	AK	D	ND	OR	WA	WY	AK	ID	ND	OR	WA	WY
Pediatrics	173%	102%	140%	83%	69%	105%	122%	102%	99%	108%	91%	N/A	139%	91%	105%	128%	90%	86%
Family Practice	177%	96%	148%	83%	64%	108%	123%	104%	99%	109%	88%	N/A	147%	96%	100%	118%	98%	88%
Internal Medicine	177%	96%	146%	83%	64%	108%	136%	104%	99%	109%	88%	N/A	149%	96%	100%	117%	98%	90%
Lab	121%	115%	118%	85%	86%	97%	297%	N/A	129%	N/A	77%	N/A	176%	89%	120%	88%	72%	131%
Ophthalmology	200%	107%	102%	96%	76%	120%	132%	107%	99%	105%	89%	N/A	149%	95%	95%	122%	100%	87%
OBGYN	151%	89%	127%	84%	78%	122%	167%	115%	89%	112%	82%	N/A	173%	94%	90%	112%	94%	111%
Chiropractic	194%	105%	135%	88%	70%	N/A	162%	83%	108%	111%	N/A	N/A	172%	85%	105%	113%	89%	108%
Urology	173%	93%	127%	103%	64%	113%	215%	111%	92%	110%	84%	N/A	183%	97%	95%	109%	92%	108%
Gastroenterology	172%	96%	133%	84%	68%	113%	173%	112%	91%	113%	84%	N/A	191%	104%	84%	108%	87%	117%
Radiology	175%	98%	136%	79%	62%	139%	325%	127%	93%	95%	84%	N/A	172%	107%	83%	88%	80%	143%
Neurology	191%	117%	122%	82%	65%	117%	221%	106%	99%	106%	89%	N/A	186%	97%	100%	113%	95%	96%
Orthopedics	179%	95%	133%	99%	65%	109%	213%	122%	88%	105%	83%	N/A	202%	96%	89%	104%	91%	121%
ENT	166%	87%	127%	116%	62%	108%	284%	110%	94%	110%	85%	N/A	210%	98%	91%	106%	94%	109%
General Surgery	176%	85%	121%	122%	66%	108%	228%	111%	91%	110%	84%	N/A	206%	95%	88%	104%	90%	125%
Cardiology	N/A	125%	126%	78%	65%	N/A	437%	106%	100%	105%	90%	N/A	201%	98%	80%	108%	87%	124%
Cardiothoracic Surgery	183%	96%	144%	84%	66%	111%	336%	115%	91%	113%	80%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	106%	94%	N/A
Interventional Cardiology	N/A	91%	119%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	474%	86%	104%	97%	84%	131%
DME	155%	93%	N/A	102%	103%	100%	198%	N/A	96%	N/A	105%	N/A	123%	97%	109%	97%	98%	98%

All values are relative to the average for the five comparison states (excluding AK) for each payer category $^{(1)}$ For this summary, the Portland, OR and Seattle, WA Medicare and Tricare fee schedules were used.

Summary of Relative Reimbursement by State, Specialty, and Payer Courtesy 2011 Alaska Health Care Commission