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CIRCULAR LETTER TO ALL MEMBER COMPANIES

Re: Workers Compensation Insurance

CompScope™ Medical Benchmarks for North Carolina, 23rd Edition

The North Carolina Rate Bureau is pleased to inform you that the CompScope™ Medical Benchmarks for North Carolina, 23rd Edition has been released by the Workers Compensation Research Institute (WCRI). In this study, WCRI report medical payments per claim, prices and utilization of medical care in the North Carolina's workers compensation system. Also included is information from other WCRI benchmarking studies to provide a complete comparison of the workers compensation system in North Carolina with 17 other states.

WCRI indicates in their summary of major findings that the results reported in this study examine how metrics of medical costs and care have changed from 2015 to 2020 for claims at an average of 12 months of experience.

WCRI's CompScope™ Medical Benchmarks for North Carolina, 23rd Edition includes experience on claims through March 2021, including non-COVID-19 claims from the early pandemic period (March – September 2020). Therefore, these results illustrate how the pandemic may have impacted non-COVID-19 workers compensation claims in the early months of the pandemic in North Carolina.

An executive summary of the report is available at:

<https://www.wcrinet.org/reports/compscope-medical-benchmarks-for-north-carolina-23rd-edition>

For assistance with ordering the report, please contact WCRI at 617-661-9274 or via email at wcri@wcrinet.org.

We trust that this report will provide additional insight into the workers compensation cost drivers in North Carolina.

If you have questions, contact the NCRB Information Center at 919-582-1056 or via email at support@ncrb.org.

Sincerely,

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