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The RI DLT Division of Workers' Compensation is offering three forms for a 30-day review period ending December 17, 2013:

- 1. Termination of Benefits (DWC-21)
- 2. Mutual Agreement (DWC-24)
- 3. Subsequent Report of Injury (DWC-52)

Three forms will be retired:

- 1. Report of Indemnity Payment (DWC-22)
- 2. Itemized Statement (DWC-50)
- 3. Report of Specific Payment (DWC-51)

These proposed forms are part of an effort to streamline paper reporting and to implement electronic reporting.

The Termination of Benefits functionality is currently available on the multi-purpose Report of Indemnity Benefit Form (DWC-22). That form will be retired. The new Termination of Benefits Form (DWC-21) clarifies that the Termination of Benefits is a notice that benefits have ended without liability.

The Mutual Agreement (DWC-24) was updated to include a section for parties to agree to pay specific injury. The Report of Specific Payment (DWC-51) will be retired.

The Subsequent Report of Injury (DWC-52) will be used to report summary payment information. This report aligns with the standards for electronic data reporting requirements. During the process of implementing electronic reporting there will still be a need for paper reports. This paper version of the electronic payment summary information will allow us to have the same rules for reporting on paper as for electronic reports. The Subsequent Report replaces the Interim and Final Reports of Indemnity Payment (DWC-22) and the Itemized Statement (DWC-50).

Please forward comments on the proposed changes and forms to Laura Evans, <u>LEvans@dlt.ri.gov</u> or 401-462-8023.

Sincerely,

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