

**CONNEAUT AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
OFFERS YOUR COMPANY A
MONEY SAVING OPPORTUNITY**

Once again the Conneaut Area Chamber of Commerce is offering members and area employers an opportunity for savings by providing a workers' compensation group rating discount program. Employers may be able to save as much as 53% off from annual premiums paid to the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation. Interested employers will be able to obtain a free, no obligation evaluation of their company's eligibility by completing the enclosed AC-3 form and returning it to the chamber's group rating plan administrator, Benefit Management Services of Ohio. The form may also be found on the chamber's website or on the TOGA Benefits website. Further information is available by calling Bob Carr at (330) 719-9066 or via email to bcarr@bmsoinc.com.

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Bureau of Workers' Compensation

Temporary Authorization to Review Information

To: Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation
C/O ROBERT CARR INSURANCE AGENCY, INC.
400 Niles-Cortland Rd. SE
Warren, Ohio 44484
Phone: (330) 856-6270

**RETURN THIS FORM BY FAX TO: (330) 856-6675
OR EMAIL TO: BCARR@BMSOINC.COM**

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From: Policy number
Entity
DBA
Address

Note: For this to be a **valid** letter, the self-insured department for self-insured employers, or the employer services department for all other employers, must stamp it. Being temporary in nature, BWC will not record via computer or retain this authorization. Representative must possess a copy when requesting service relative to the authority granted therein.

This is to certify that **Robert Carr Insurance Agency, Inc., REP ID #: 222460-80 (46000/02408, 2022/2023, Code 16/26)**, including its agents or representatives identified to you by them, has been retained to review and perform studies on certain workers' compensation matters on our behalf.

The limited letter of authority provides access to the following types of information relating to our account:

1. Risk files;
2. Claim files;
3. Merit-rated or non-merit-rated experiences;
4. Other associated data.

This authorization does not include the authority to:

1. Review protest letters;
2. File protest letters;
3. File form *Application for Handicap Reimbursement (CHP-4)*;
4. *Notice of Appeal (IC-12)* or *Application for Permanent Partial Reconsideration (IC-88)*;
5. File self-insurance applications;
6. Represent the employer at hearings;
7. Pursue other similar actions on behalf of the employer.

I understand this authorization is limited and temporary in nature and will expire automatically nine months from the date received by the employer services or self-insured departments, which is appropriate. In either case, the length of authorization will not exceed nine months.

Telephone number	Fax number	Email address		
Print name	Title	Signature X	Date	

Completion of the temporary authorization provides a third-party administrator (TPA) limited authority to view an employer's payroll and loss experience. By signing the AC-3, the employer grants permission to the BWC to release information to the employer's authorized representative(s). The form allows a TPA to view an employer's information regarding payroll, claims and experience modification.

Attention group rating prospects

- Employers may complete the AC-3 for as many TPAs or group-rating sponsors they feel are necessary to obtain quotes for a group-rating program.
- Group sponsors must notify all current group members if they will not accept them for the next group-rating year. The deadline for this notification is prior to the last business day in October for private employers and prior to the last business day in April for public employers.
- All potential group-rating prospects must have:
 - Active BWC coverage status as of the application deadline;
 - Active coverage from the application deadline through the group rating year;
 - No outstanding balances;
 - Operations similar in nature to the other members of their group.
- Any changes to a group member's policy will affect the group policy. Changes can result in either debits or credits to each of the members.

Note: For complete information on rules for group rating, see Rules 4123-17-61 through 4123-17-68 of the Ohio Administrative Code or your TPA. All group-rating applicants are subject to review by the BWC employer programs unit.