

HB 449 - Lodging, Rent, or Housing Set by Administrative Rule Training Value of Employer-Furnished Housing

Training Description: The Montana Legislature changed the definition of “wages” for the purposes of Workers’ Compensation (WC) if lodging, rent, or housing constitutes part of the employee’s remuneration. Prior to the 2017 legislative change, lodging, rent, or housing was based on its actual value. The actual value was usually determined by contacting a realtor for comparable housing and an analysis of rates charged for that housing. This valuation process created challenges as disagreements would arise about comparability of housing and their values. In this training, participants learn about the Dept. of Labor & Industries new rule to implement this change and how to use the administratively set lodging, rent, or housing rates to determine the value of housing by location and number of bedrooms for WC premium and benefits calculations.

Presenter: Jason Swant, WC Section Manager, Employment Relations Division, Montana Department of Labor and Industry (MT-DLI). Jason has been front and center in implementing workers’ compensation reforms sense 2011. Jason oversees the day-to-day operations of the WC Section. Jason provides program oversight, coordination and training. As a most recent project. Mr. Swant lead the HB 449 rule development and implementation.

Training Dates and Times: Training will be presented via Go To Meeting on March 29th 2018 at 3:00 p.m. and again on April 3rd 2018 at 3:00 p.m. A one-hour legal credit towards the claims examiner certification program has been approved for this training. An attendance code, to verify training attendance, will be provided for Certified Claims Examiners, Examiners must email the code to nhartman@mt.gov to receive credit. A certificate of completion is available for those who wish to use the training for other certifications (contact Nikki Hartman). Both Training sessions are available to attend in person, seating is limited, at the Employment Relations Division 1805 Prospect Ave. Helena, Montana.

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March 29, 2018 Training

HB 449 Training #1

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April 3, 2018 Training:

HB 449 Training #2

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