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Attention Employers, Insurers & Auditors:

The Workers' Compensation web site for the Department of Labor & Training contains useful reference information for employers, insurers, and auditors. One useful depository of information is the list of Independent Contractors. Effective January 1, 2001, independent contractors must file a Notice of Designation as Independent Contractor form, DWC 11 IC. These forms are not valid until received and date-stamped by this Department. There are currently over 13,000 Independent Contractor forms on file. The name of the independent contractor, the name of the hiring entity and the date filed are public information listed on our web site. This information may be helpful, particularly in an audit situation.

You can get to the independent contractor web page from the Department of Labor Home page at www.dlt.state.ri.us. Put your cursor over the Workers' Compensation link on the left. A list of Workers' Compensation links is displayed. Click on the Independent Contractor Info link to bring you to the Independent Contractor home page.

From the Independent Contractor home page, click on the List of Independent Contractors button for a list arranged by independent contractor name. Click on the List of Hiring Entities button for a list arranged by hiring entity name. Both lists show the name of the independent contractor, the hiring entity's name, and the date the form was filed. If a form was rescinded, the date it was withdrawn is also displayed. The independent contractor page also answers frequently asked questions and provides a link to the law pertaining to independent contractors, RIGL §28-29-17.1.

Insurers conducting workers' compensation premium audits are encouraged to refer to the Department's website for independent contractor information. The site will provide an immediate and up-to-date answer regarding independent contractor status.

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