



Quarterly Connection

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ATTENTION!

A law passed by the Wyoming Legislature has extended the protest period for benefit claims determinations and decisions issued by a hearing officer. The protest period effective July 1, 2015, is 28 days following the mailing date of a determination or decision.

Wyoming Workers' Compensation re-launches PIERS

PIERS (Provider, Injured Worker, Employer Resource System) has been in development since the Division's transition from the old mainframe system to the current web-based PowerSuite application. Due to the total system overwrite to communicate with the new application, old PIERS user names and passwords are no longer valid. Please register at www.piers.wyo.gov by creating a new account with the "You don't have a username" option. Then access the customer record with your tax ID and/or NPI or social security number and date of birth for injured workers. The administrator may allow access to as many individual users as he/she is willing to manage. To register for multiple customer records and keep the same user name and password, choose the "Already have a username but need access to a different Business" option. If there are questions or comments, please contact the Division at (307) 777-7441 and ask for your PIERS facilitator.

Workers' Compensation Officer/Owner Average Wage for 2015
\$11,313/quarter; \$3,770/month

Unemployment Insurance Taxable Wage Base for 2015
\$24,700