

Subject: FW: COVID-19 WSIB cost update

Good afternoon,

The Office of the Employer Advisor has circulated an email that follows up on the WSIB announcement of last week. The email is below.

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Hi everyone,

In case you were not already aware, in addition to the financial relief package that the WSIB announced in late March allowing employers to defer paying until August 31, 2020, the WSIB also recently determined that “costs associated with COVID-19 related claims will not be allocated at an employer or class level. Instead, they will be allocated on a Schedule-wide basis and there will be no change in premium rates for 2020.” The Board has not yet announced how this will work in detail.

While the decision to allocate these costs on a Schedule-wide basis will not impact 2020 premium rates, it remains to be seen what the impact will be on premium rates (for Schedule 1) and admin rates (for Schedule 2) in future years and whether there will be any impact on the transition into the rate framework.

I hope that you are all keeping well.

Best regards,
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