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Workers' Comp. Rate Revision 10/1/2019

The State of New York approved a decrease in the rate for Code 5190 Electrical Wiring. Effective with policies renewing on or after October 1, 2019, the loss cost for code 5190 will decrease 13.6% from 5.67 to 4.90.

The loss cost rate, multiplied by a carrier loss cost multiplier yields the total rate charged by the carrier. Each carrier's final rates will vary based upon their approved multiplier.

For those who qualify for Payroll Limitation, the weekly payroll "cap" of \$1,357.11 will be revised to \$1,401.17 effective with renewals October 1, 2019 and after.

Benefits for injured workers are indexed to 2/3 of the average statewide weekly wage. Effective July 1, 2019, the weekly maximum benefit for injured workers is \$934.58, up from \$905.19. For many years the weekly maximum was held constant at \$400.

If you would like further information on Workers' Compensation rates or a quote from the Association's Workers' Compensation Group, contact Jay Mangione at the Association office.

Preserve the Apprenticeship Exclusion

The U.S. Department of Labor issued a Notice of Proposed Rule Making that, if finalized, would allow for the creation of Industry Recognized Apprenticeship Programs (IRAPs). IRAPs are a proposed training model structured to operate outside of the traditional registered apprenticeship program. IRAPs may potentially lead to an environment that would de-emphasize safety, wage standards, and would be riddled with conflicts of interest.

While the proposed rule currently includes a provision exempting the construction industry from creating IRAPs, there is concern that opponents of this exemption are working to remove, weaken, or limit the exemption when the rule is finalized in the coming months.

For NECA members, there is a website with simple instructions to send a message to help preserve the construction exemption:

protectconstructiontraining.org.

We urge you to make your voice heard by following this link before the August 26, 2019 deadline!

Legislative Update

2019 was a busy year for the NYS Legislature. . .

Download highlights of legislative session [here](#)

Save the Date... 2020 Winter Meeting--Aruba!

The 2020 Winter Meeting of the State Association will be held from Saturday, January 25 to Wednesday, January 29, 2018 at the AAA 4-Diamond Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino in Aruba. Based upon past experience, we look forward to continued excellence with the Marriott.

Aruba is an easy and relaxing island. The airport is located close to the hotels, you can stroll the beach for miles, and fine restaurants abound. For the adventuresome, the rugged far side of the island offers driving trails and spectacular scenery.

This Meeting will be a wonderful opportunity to relax and network with your fellow industry members.

Look for further information and registration form to follow soon!

Gould is 2019 Scholarship Winner

It is our pleasure to announce the 2019 NYSEC Scholarship is awarded to James Gould of member firm O'Connell Electric Co., Rochester, NY. The award is \$1,000 per year payable over a four-year period.

James is an honors high school graduate and will begin his studies this fall in neuroscience at Monroe Community College. We congratulate James and his family and wish him the best of luck with his studies.

A special thanks to our members who have donated generously to the Scholarship Fund. Your contributions make this award possible!

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