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CIRCULAR

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DCRB Circular #1069

To All Members of the DCRB:

**Re: Approval of DCRB Filing #2601
SB 248 Delaware Workplace Safety Program Updates
Effective December 1, 2026
(Policies effective August 1, 2027)**

On July 31, 2026, Delaware Insurance Commissioner Trinidad Navarro approved DCRB Filing No. 2601, implementing revisions to the Delaware Workers' Compensation Manual of Rules, Classifications and Rating Values (Basic Manual) consistent with Senate Bill 248 of 2026. The approved revisions become effective **December 1, 2026** and apply to new and renewal workers' compensation policies with effective dates on or after **August 1, 2027**, consistent with the statutory implementation schedule.

The approved filing modernizes the [Delaware Workplace Safety Program](#) and increases the maximum premium credit available to eligible employers from **6% to 12%**. Based on current experience, participating employers are expected to see the average available premium credit increase from approximately **4.6% to 9.2%**, providing additional incentives for workplace safety initiatives and supporting continued reductions in occupational injuries throughout Delaware.

The Insurance Commissioner's approval includes revisions to the [Delaware Workers' Compensation Manual](#) implementing the requirements of Senate Bill 248, including:

- Page 59: 4. Inspection
- Page 60: 8. Safety Credit Percentages

The complete approved filing package, including supporting exhibits and implementation materials, is available in the [Filings](#) section of the website. Revised Basic Manual pages reflecting the Commissioner's approval will be available on the DCRB [website](#) starting on December 1, 2026.

Questions concerning this circular or implementation of the approved Workplace Safety Program revisions may be directed to the Experience Rating Team at desafetyinquiry@dcrb.com.

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