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Ohio BWC Board Approves Credibility Changes

The Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) Board approved a maximum credibility of 53% for the July 2012 through June 2013 policy period. As a result, the maximum discount for Ohio's group rating program will increase from 51% to 53% over this same policy period. In addition to changing the maximum discount, BWC's Board eliminated the Break Even Factor which was previously used in calculating rates for companies in group rating programs.

BWC introduced a new employer option called the **Destination: Excellence Program**. This new risk management program is scheduled to become available July 1, 2012 and is intended to provide additional financial rebates and premium discounts to companies for successfully meeting claim management and safety related goals. More details regarding this program will be communicated as they become available.

BWC Administrator Buehrer indicated that one of the agency's goals is to increase return to work for injured workers. The Administrator stated this will be achieved by identifying process changes within BWC and working with industry partners such as TPAs, MCOs and medical providers. CareWorks Consultants encourages this approach and will continue to manage claims with the objective of returning injured workers to work as soon as medically possible.

For more information or questions about these recent changes, please contact CareWorks Consultants, toll-free, at 1-800-837-3200.