

Virtual Meeting

(in lieu of meeting at the 2022 Summer National Meeting)

WORKERS' COMPENSATION (C) TASK FORCE

Tuesday, August 2, 2022

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. ET / 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. CT / 10:00 – 11 a.m. MT / 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. PT

Meeting Summary Report

The Workers' Compensation (C) Task Force met Aug. 2, 2022. During this meeting, the Task Force:

1. Discussed presumptions and whether they are creating inequity in the workers' compensation system. Most states have let their COVID-19 presumptions expire. There are, however, a handful of states that have extended the presumptions. There has been activity for presumptions regarding post-traumatic stress disorder, as well as in the areas of hazardous waste exposure.
2. Discussed the future of work and how the hybrid work force is affecting claims frequency. Items affecting the future workforce include remote work arrangements, job shifting, gig work, and automation. Twenty-five percent of the workforce works remotely on a full- or part-time basis. Thirty-one percent of gig workers hold gig work as their main job.
3. Discussed how states are recruiting and training with the departments of insurance (DOIs). Several DOIs allow remote work, which has helped them to hire and retain employees. DOIs are also having good results with recruiting new employees from local colleges and universities.