
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2025

Fiscal Services Division

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Workers' Compensation Division — Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing (DIAL)

Purpose and History

The Workers' Compensation Division of the Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing (DIAL) has three core functions: adjudication of disputed workers' compensation claims, enforcement of compliance standards, and education of Iowans about workers' compensation laws and procedures. The Division is headed by the Workers' Compensation Commissioner. The Commissioner is appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate for a six-year term. The Division has two major sections:

- Compliance Section: Prepares and distributes literature concerning workers' compensation laws, weekly benefit rates, judicial decisions, and statistics; responds to written and oral inquiries regarding the law; conducts conferences and training sessions; provides appropriate forms for use in matters under the jurisdiction of the Division; establishes and monitors files arising from claims of work-related injuries and illness; and informs parties to a claim of their rights and responsibilities.
- Adjudication Section: Determines, by adjudicative means, the rights and liabilities of parties in a disputed claim by conducting hearings and rendering decisions, approving settlements in accordance with statutes, and conducting appeals within the Division.

Funding — State General Fund

The Workers' Compensation Division receives a State General Fund appropriation in the Administration and Regulation Appropriations Act.

Other Sources of Revenue

The Workers' Compensation Division has historically received appropriations from the Special Employment Security Contingency Fund (also known as the Penalty and Interest or P & I Fund) and last received an appropriation from this Fund in FY 2011. The Division is also required to charge a filing fee for all workers' compensation cases and collects costs for copying of records. The moneys collected through the filing fee are used to administer the Division.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapters [85](#), [85A](#), [85B](#), [86](#), and [87](#)
Iowa Administrative Code [876](#)

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More Information

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