

# BWC Update

News from the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation

## Sign up for alternative rating plans by July 31

*Prospective billing starts Jan. 1 for public employers*

Public employers have until July 31 to sign up for the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation's (BWC) alternative rating programs. This includes group-retrospective-rating, individual-retrospective-rating and the deductible programs.

The application deadline applies to the Jan. 1, 2016 start date for each of these programs.

As you may be aware, the way workers' compensation coverage is billed is changing for public employers starting Jan. 1, 2016. Private employers are switching to the new billing system in July.

BWC billed employers retroactively for coverage, but will soon require paying in advance for premiums. A \$1.2 billion transition credit is being provided by BWC to avoid double-billing employers during the transition. The new billing system offers a number of benefits, including more flexible payment options, better customer service and an increased ability to detect non-compliance and fraud.

Additional resources about prospective billing, including a timeline, frequently asked questions and key dates to remember, are available at [bwc.ohio.gov](http://bwc.ohio.gov).