## Workers' compensation penalties assessed by Compliance, Records and Training

## Violations

Late First Report of Injury form
Paid to: Assigned Risk Safety Account
Statute violated: 176.231, subdivisions 1 and 2
Applicable rule: 5220.2820
Assessment statute: 176.231, subd. 10
Assessed against: Insurer or self-insured employer
Failure to report fatality or serious injury within 48 hours
Paid to: Assigned Risk Safety Account
Statute violated: 176.231, subds. 1 and 2
Applicable rule: 5220.2820
Assessment statute: 176.231, subd. 10
Assessed against: Insurer or self-insured employer

## A. Late first payment of benefits <br> Paid to: Assigned Risk Safety Account

Statute violated: 176.221, subd. 1
Applicable rule: 5220.2770
Assessment statute: 176.221, subd. 3
Assessed against: Insurer or self-insured employer

## B. Late first payment of benefits

## Paid to: Employee

Statute violated: 176.221, subd. 1
Applicable rule: 5220.2790
Assessment statute: 176.225 , subd. 5
Assessed against: Insurer or self-insured employer

## Formula and penalty amount

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- Thirty-one to 60 days late: $80 \%$ of amount due; maximum is $\$ 3,500$
- Sixty-one or more days late: $105 \%$ of amount due; maximum is $\$ 5,000$
B. Twenty-five percent of the amount delayed is paid to the employee

| Violations | Formula and penalty amount |
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| Late denial of liability <br> Paid to: Assigned Risk Safety Account <br> Statute violated: 176.221, subd. 1 <br> Applicable rule: 5220.2770 <br> Assessment statute: 176.221, subd. 3a <br> Assessed against: Insurer or self-insured employer | Based upon the number of days late <br> - One to 15 days late = \$250 <br> - Sixteen to 30 days late $=\$ 500$ <br> - Thirty-one to 60 days late $=\$ 1,000$ <br> - Sixty-one or more days late $=\$ 2,000$ |
| A. Frivolous denial of liability <br> Paid to: Assigned Risk Safety Account <br> Statute violated: 176.221 , subd. 1 <br> Applicable rules: 5220.2570, 5220.2770, 5220.2540 <br> Assessment statute: 176.221, subd. 3a <br> Assessed against: Insurer or self-insured employer <br> B. Frivolous denial of liability <br> Paid to: Employee <br> Statute violated: 176.221, subd. 1 <br> Applicable rule: 5220.2760 <br> Assessment statute: 176.225 , subd. 1 <br> Assessed against: Insurer or self-insured employer | A. Based upon the number of violations in the two-year period prior to assessment <br> - One to five violations $=\$ 1,000$ <br> - Six or more violations $=\$ 2,000$ <br> This penalty may be assessed in addition to penalties for late or nonspecific denial. <br> B. Up to $30 \%$ of the amount delayed <br> This penalty may be assessed in addition to penalties for late or nonspecific denial. |
| Nonspecific Notice of Intention to Discontinue or denial of liability <br> Paid to: Assigned Risk Safety Account <br> Statute violated: 176.84, subd. 1 <br> Applicable rule: 5220.2570 <br> Assessment statute: 176.84 , subd. 2 <br> Assessed against: Insurer or self-insured employer | - Five hundred dollars set amount for each violation <br> This penalty may be issued in addition to penalties for late or frivolous denial. |

Violations

Prohibited practices
Paid to: Assigned Risk Safety Account
Statute violated: 176.194, subd. 3
Applicable rule: N/A
Assessment statute: 176.194, subd. 4
Assessed against: Insurer, self-insured, employer, thirdparty administrator or adjuster
A. Late or improper payment of permanent partial disability

Paid to: Assigned Risk Safety Account
Statute violated: 176.021, subd. 3 and subd. 3a
Applicable rules: 5220.2750,5220.2550
Assessment statute: 176.221, subd. 3
Assessed against: Insurer or self-insured employer
B. Late or improper payment of permanent partial disability Paid to: Employee
Statutes violated: 176.221, subd. 6a and/or subd. 7 Applicable rules: 5220.2790 or 5220.2760, 5220.2550 Assessment statutes: 176.225, subd. 5, or 176. 221, subd. 1
Assessed against: Insurer or self-insured employer

## Formula and penalty amount

Based upon the number of violations in the past 12 months

- One to five violations: Subdivision 3 (1-6), warning; subd. 3 (7-11), \$3,000
- Six to 10 violations: Subdivision 3 (1-6), $\$ 3,000$; subd. 3 (7-11), \$6,000
- Eleven or more violations: Subdivision 3 (1-11), \$6,000
- Thirty-one or more violations: Matter may be referred to the Department of Commerce for license review
A. Based upon the number of days late and percent of amount due, subject to maximums
- One to 15 days late: $30 \%$ of amount due; maximum is $\$ 500$
- Sixteen to 30 days late: $55 \%$ of amount due; maximum is $\$ 1,500$
- Thirty-one to 60 days late: $80 \%$ of amount due; maximum is $\$ 3,500$
- Sixty-one or more days late: $105 \%$ of amount due; maximum is $\$ 5,000$
B. Twenty-five percent of amount found to be delayed


## or

- One to five days late $=6 \%$ of amount due
- Six to 15 days late $=12 \%$ of amount due
- Sixteen to 30 days late $=18 \%$ of amount due
- Thirty-one to 60 days late $=24 \%$ of amount due
- Sixty-one or more days late $=30 \%$ of amount due


## Violations

A. Late payment of ongoing benefits

Paid to: Assigned Risk Safety Account
Statute violated: 176.221, subd. 1
Applicable rule: N/A
Assessment statute: 176.221, subd. 3a
Assessed against: Insurer or self-insured employer

## B. Late payment of ongoing benefits

Paid to: Employee
Statute violated: 176.221, subd. 1
Applicable rules: 5220.2760 or 5220.2790
Assessment statutes: 176.225 , subd. 1 (length of delay) or 176.225 , subd. 5
Assessed against: Insurer or self-insured employer

## A. Late reinstatement of indemnity benefits

Paid to: Assigned Risk Safety Account
Statute violated: 176.221 , subd. 1
Applicable rule: 5220.2770
Assessment statute: 176.221 , subd. 3
Assessed against: Insurer or self-insured employer

## B. Late reinstatement of indemnity benefits

Paid to: Employee
Statute violated: 176.221, subd. 1
Applicable rule: 5220.2790
Assessment statute: 176.225 , subd. 5
Assessed against: Insurer or self-insured employer

## Formula and penalty amount

A. Based upon the number of days late and percent of amount due, subject to maximum

- Up to $\$ 2,000$
- One to five days late $=6 \%$ of amount due
- Six to 15 days late $=12 \%$ of amount due
- Sixteen to 30 days late $=18 \%$ of amount due
- Thirty-one to 60 days late $=24 \%$ of amount due
- Sixty-one or more days late $=30 \%$ of amount due
B. Twenty-five percent of amount found to be delayed
A. Based upon the number of days late and percentage due, subject to maximums
- One to 15 days late: $30 \%$ of amount due; maximum is $\$ 500$
- Sixteen to 30 days late: $55 \%$ of amount due; maximum is $\$ 1,500$
- Thirty-one to 60 days late: $80 \%$ of amount due; maximum is $\$ 3,500$
- Sixty-one or more days late: $105 \%$ of amount due; maximum is $\$ 5,000$
B. Twenty-five percent of the amount delayed is paid to the employee

If an extension was filed: Payment is due no later than 30 days from the date of the notice to or knowledge by the employer of the new period of disability.

| Violations | Formula and penalty amount |
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| A. Late payment of order or award <br> Paid to: Assigned Risk Safety Account <br> Statute violated: 176.221, subd. 8 <br> Applicable rule: 5220.2780 <br> Assessment statute: 176.221, subd. 3, or 176.221 , subd. <br> 3a (used when amount owed is unclear) <br> Assessed against: Insurer or self-insured employer <br> B. Late payment of order or award <br> Paid to: Employee <br> Statute violated: 176.221, subd. 8 <br> Applicable rule: 5220.2760 <br> Assessment statute: 176.225 , subd. 1 <br> Assessed against: Insurer or self-insured employer | A. Based upon the number of days late and percent of amount due, subject to maximum or based on set amount <br> - One to 15 days late: $30 \%$ of amount due; maximum is $\$ 500$ <br> - Sixteen to 30 days late: $55 \%$ of amount due; maximum is $\$ 1,500$ <br> - Thirty-one to 60 days late: $80 \%$ of amount due; maximum is $\$ 3,500$ <br> - Sixty-one or more days late: $105 \%$ of amount due; maximum is $\$ 5,000$ <br> B. <br> - One to 15 days late $=\$ 500$ <br> - Sixteen to 30 days late $=\$ 1,000$ <br> - Thirty-one to 60 days late $=\$ 1,500$ <br> - Sixty-one or more days late $=\$ 2,000$ <br> - One to five days late $=6 \%$ of amount due <br> - Six to 15 days late $=12 \%$ of amount due <br> - Sixteen to 30 days late $=18 \%$ of amount due <br> - Thirty-one to 60 days late $=24 \%$ of amount due <br> - Sixty-one or more days late $=30 \%$ of amount due |
| Failure to file report in manner or within time limit <br> Paid to: Assigned Risk Safety Account <br> Statute violated: 176.231, subd. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 10 <br> Applicable rules: 5220.2830, 5220.2540 <br> Assessment statute: 176.231, subd. 10 <br> Assessed against: Insurer, self-insured, employer, thirdparty administrator or health care provider | Based upon the number of days filing is late <br> - $\quad$ Not filed within 21 days of written request $=\$ 125$ <br> - Failure to respond after second request = \$375 <br> - Subsequent failure to file = \$500 or <br> - Not filed within 30 days of due date $=\$ 125$ <br> - Not filed within 90 days of due date $=\$ 375$ <br> - Not filed within 180 days of due date $=\$ 500$ |

## Violations

A. Improper discontinuance of benefits

Paid to: Assigned Risk Safety Account
Statute violated: 176.239
Applicable rule: 5220.2720
Assessment statutes: 176.221 , subd. 3, and 176.238
subd. 10
Assessed against: Insurer or self-insured employer
Assessed when: Delay follows . 239 conference
B. Improper discontinuance of benefits

Paid to: Assigned Risk Safety Account
Statutes violated: 176.238
Applicable rule: 5220.2720
Assessment statutes: 176.221, subd. 3, and 176.238, subd. 10
Assessed against: Insurer or self-insured employer
Assessed when: Discontinuing prior to date of Notice of Intention to Discontinue

## C. Improper discontinuance of benefits

Paid to: Employee
Statutes violated: 176.238 or 176.239
Applicable rule: 5220.2760, subp. 2
Assessment statute: 176.225, subd. 1 (6)
Assessed against: Insurer or self-insured employer

## Formula and penalty amount

A. Based upon the number of violations in the past year and days late; prior to Aug. 1, 2024, the maximum amount is $\$ 1,000$

- First violation in one year is a warning

If not corrected within 10 days from a warning:

- 11 to 20 days late $=\$ 200$
- 21 to 30 days late $=\$ 600$
- 31 to 60 days late $=\$ 800$
- 61 or more days late $=\$ 2,500$
- Second violation within the one-year period of the first violation:
- one to 10 days late $=\$ 400$
- 11 to 20 days late $=\$ 600$
- 21 to 30 days late $=\$ 800$
- 31 or more days late $=\$ 2,500$
B.
- one to 15 days late: $30 \%$ of amount due; maximum is $\$ 500$
- 16 to 30 days late: $55 \%$ of amount due; maximum is $\$ 2,500$
- 31 to 60 days late: $80 \%$ of amount due; maximum is $\$ 2,500$
- 61 or more days late: $105 \%$ of amount due; maximum is $\$ 2,500$
C.
- One to five days late $=6 \%$ of amount due
- Six to 15 days late $=12 \%$ of amount due
- Sixteen to 30 days late $=18 \%$ of amount due
- Thirty-one to 60 days late $=24 \%$ of amount due
- Sixty-one or more days late $=30 \%$ of amount due


## Violations

Failure to pay via electronic funds transfer
Paid to: Assigned Risk Safety Account
Statute violated: 176.221, subd. 8(b), (d)
Applicable rules: N/A
Assessment statutes: 176.221, subd. 8(f)
Assessed against: Insurer or self-insured employer

## A. Late release of withheld attorney fees

Paid to: Assigned Risk Safety Account
Statute violated: 176.221 , subd. 8
Applicable rule: 5220.2780
Assessment statutes: 176.221, subd. 3, or 176.221, subd 3a

Assessed against: Insurer or self-insured employer

## B. Late release of withheld attorney fees

Paid to: Employee
Statute violated: 176.221, subd. 8
Applicable rules: 5220.2760
Assessment statute: 176.225 , subd. 1
Assessed against: Insurer or self-insured employer

## Failure to notify employee of time limit to request retraining

Paid to: Assigned Risk Safety Account
Statute violated: 176.102, subd. 11
Applicable rule: N/A
Assessment statute: 176.102, subd. 11
Assessed against: Insurer or self-insured employer

## Formula and penalty amount

If violation is not corrected within 30 days of written notice

- Five hundred dollars for each violation
A. Based upon number of days late and percent of amount due, subject to maximum
- One to 15 days late: $30 \%$ of amount due; maximum is $\$ 500$
- Sixteen to 30 days late: $55 \%$ of amount due; maximum is $\$ 1,500$
- Thirty-one to 60 days late: $80 \%$ of amount due; maximum is $\$ 3,500$
- Sixty-one or more days late: $105 \%$ of amount due; maximum is $\$ 5,000$ or
- One to 15 days late = \$500
- Sixteen to 30 days late = \$1,000
- Thirty-one to 60 days late = $\$ 1,500$
- Sixty-one or more days late = \$2,000
B.
- One to five days late = 6\% of amount due
- Six to 15 days late $=12 \%$ of amount due
- Sixteen to 30 days late $=18 \%$ of amount due
- Thirty-one to 60 days late $=24 \%$ of amount due
- Sixty-one or more days late $=30 \%$ of amount due

Based upon the number of days late, set amount

- Twenty-five dollars a day; up to $\$ 2,000$ maximum

Applies to date of injuries Oct. 1, 1995, or later

| Violations | Formula and penalty amount |
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| Late payment of rehabilitation <br> Paid to: Assigned Risk Safety Account <br> Statutes violated: 176.102, subds. 9, 11; 176.221, subd. <br> 6a <br> Applicable rule: 5220.1900, subp. 1g <br> Assessment statute: 176.221, subd. 3 <br> Assessed against: Insurer or self-insured employer | Based upon the number of days payment is late and percent of amount due, subject to maximums <br> - One to 15 days late: $30 \%$ of amount due; maximum is $\$ 500$ <br> - Sixteen to 30 days late: $55 \%$ of amount due; maximum is $\$ 1,500$ <br> - Thirty-one to 60 days late: $80 \%$ of amount due; maximum is $\$ 3,500$ <br> - Sixty-one or more days late: $105 \%$ of amount due; maximum is $\$ 5,000$ |
| Late payment or denial of medical bills <br> Paid to: Assigned Risk Safety Account <br> Statutes violated: 176.135, subd. 6, and 176.221, subd. <br> 6a <br> Applicable rule: 5220.2740 <br> Assessment statute: 176.221, subd. 3a <br> Assessed against: Insurer or self-insured employer | Set amount based on the number of days late <br> - One to 15 days late $=\$ 500$ <br> - Sixteen to 30 days late $=\$ 1,000$ <br> - Thirty-one to 60 days late $=\$ 1,500$ <br> - Sixty-one or more days late $=\$ 2,000$ |
| Failure to release existing medical data <br> Paid to: Assigned Risk Safety Account <br> Statute violated: 176.138 (a) <br> Applicable rule: 5220.2810 <br> Assessment statute: 176.138 (c) <br> Assessed against: Any party to a claim holding existing medical data related to the claim | Based up on the number of days late; warning letter must be sent prior to assessing penalty unless request is from division; verification must be filed with division <br> - No response within seven working days = \$300 <br> - No response within 30 working days = \$450 <br> - No response within 60 working days $=\$ 600$ |
| Excessive billing for medical records by health care provider <br> Paid to: Assigned Risk Safety Account <br> Statute violated: 176.135, subd. 7 <br> Applicable rule: N/A <br> Assessment statute: 176.135, subd. 7a (f) <br> Assessed against: Health care provider | Effective Aug. 1, 2024 <br> If violation is not corrected within 30 days of written notice <br> - Five hundred dollars for each violation; maximum is $\$ 25,000$ for identical violations during a calendar year |

## Violations

A. Improper collection or attempt to collect payment by health

## care provider

Paid to: Assigned Risk Safety Account
Statute violated: 176.135, subd. 7
Applicable rule: N/A
Assessment statute: 176.136, subd. 2a
Assessed against: Health care provider
B. Improper collection or attempt to collect payment by health care provider

Paid to: Employee
Statute violated: 176.135, subd. 7
Applicable rule: N/A
Assessment statute: 176.136 , subd. 2 a
Assessed against: Health care provider

## Formula and penalty amount

A.

- One thousand dollars for each violation of attempting to collect
- Two thousand dollars for each violation if the employee paid or for violations described in paragraph (a), clause (2), items (ii) to (v)
B.
- Reimburse employee all amounts paid to health care provider with interest as result of violation
- Five hundred dollars for violations described in paragraph (a), clause (2), items (ii) to (v), in addition to cost or expenses documented by the employee

