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Trust Declares \$950,000 Dividend Return to Members!

Good news for Trust members and their brokers!!! A \$950,000 dividend return has been approved by the Trust Board of Directors for the 2007 year. Continued favorable loss experience combined with further strengthening of cash reserves has allowed the Trust to once again return a tremendous amount of money to qualifying members. This year's dividend is nearly double last year's dividend of \$500,000 and over 93% of eligible Trust members have qualified to receive a portion of this distribution.

Throughout its 26 year history, the Trust has now declared over **\$18,200,000** in returns to its members due to exceptional claims management and loss prevention services. The dividend program rewards currently active members based on a combination of each individual member's longevity with the Trust, loss ratio and proportionate share of premium.

Please note that each qualifying member will receive their check in the 30 day period preceding the renewal date of their policy in 2008. Those members whose policies renew in January 2008 have already received their dividend checks. Other qualifying members can expect their checks in the 30 day period prior to their renewal date. Each member that qualified for a dividend return will receive a letter informing them of their dividend award amount and when they can expect to receive their checks. Copies of all correspondence will be sent to the brokers, as well.

New Online Features for Members!

The Trust is pleased to announce several new online features that will enhance our services to members, agents and brokers. Our website www.wctrust.com has recently been revised and is a great place for members to find a multitude of new services.

To begin, we have established a **Trust Resource Center** which will house many valuable online resources for members. The features available are:

- The ability to **Report a Claim**
- **Find a provider**
- **Find a pharmacy**
- Take classes at the **Trust University**
- Review our **Educational Calendar**
- Run a Report from the **Report Center**

The **Report Center** has been expanded to include additional reports that can now be run by members. These reports include the following:

- **Historical Loss Run**
- **Policy Year Summary Report**
- **Injured Worker Claim Summary (previously called Claim Abstract),**
- **Injured Worker File Notes**
- **Injured Worker Payment History**

Welcome to the Trust University!

We're proud to introduce the addition of an e-learning partner, First Net Learning. Courses can be accessed through the **Trust University** link from the home page at www.wctrust.com. The Trust University has been designed to provide a number of courses on-line to our members to fulfill their staff's basic training needs. The courses cover the areas of employee health and safety, management training, driver training, and general worker knowledge. The courses can be taken at the member's facility or at the employee's home. Members can select which courses they want staff to take and then monitor each employee's progress. The courses are fun and interactive, while providing a solid foundation of education in core subject matter. There is no cost to the member for this alternative training program—just another value added service for being a member of the Trust.

National Safety Council Defensive Driving Program

Did you know that the Workers' Compensation Trust is recognized as a Training Center in the National Safety Council's (NSC) Defensive Driving Program? Under the Public Training Center Agreement, the Trust offers a Defensive Driving 4-hour Course for members of the **general public** as well as for Trust members and their employees. The program offers practical strategies to reduce collision-related injuries, fatalities and costs. Six courses have been scheduled for 2008. A flyer is enclosed.

Education Calendar

The Trust has published an Education Calendar for 2008 which is enclosed. Courses are available to all members of the Trust, most without a fee. . Non-members can also take advantage of these courses at a non-member rate.

When You Need Workers' Comp For a Healthcare Risk – Call Us First!

From ambulances and group homes to nursing homes and home healthcare agencies, we're interested in the workers' compensation needs of any of your healthcare and human service clients. Insuring over 50,000 workers throughout the state, we're Connecticut's leading provider of workers' compensation coverage to the healthcare industry. No other carrier can offer your clients the vast array of services, educational programs and industry experience provided by the Trust. We look forward to serving you.

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