Delaware Compensation Rating Bureau, Inc.



October 3, 2019

DCRB CIRCULAR NO. 966

To All Members of the DCRB:

RE: <u>APPROVAL OF DCRB FILING NO. 1903</u> REVISIONS TO BASIC MANUAL HOUSEKEEPING - SECTIONS 1 & 2 EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2019

The Delaware Insurance Commissioner has approved the DCRB's filing number 1903 regarding Manual housekeeping revisions to Sections 1 and 2 for policies effective 12:01 a.m., December 1, 2019 or later. The effective date of these changes aligns concurrently with the DCRB's normal voluntary market loss cost and residual market rate revision filing, which was filed with the Commissioner on August 2, 2019. This coordination will consolidate necessary changes that members and other constituents make to policies, forms and systems.

The housekeeping revisions are intended to improve Manual language by making it clearer and less ambiguous. The revisions clarify existing classification procedures and update language defining certain classifications in order to align with verbiage used in other Manual provisions and/or to recognize ongoing technological or industrial changes. The revisions are intended to assist in the administration of the DCRB's uniform classification plan and do not revise the scope of any classification nor impact any classification's voluntary market loss cost or residual market rating value.

The Manual housekeeping revisions are summarized as follows:

Section 1

- The Rule IX.A.1. reference to unincorporated associations is deleted and a new and separate entry under Rule IX.A. (Item No. 9) is added which defines the officers of an unincorporated association and describes the premium determination for such officers.
- Rule IX.A.5.d. and Rule IX.A.5.e. are revised for clarity.
- Rule IX.B.3.b. is revised to add reference to LLC members.

Section 2

- Clarification of 13 classification descriptions.
- Addition of 8 new Underwriting Guide entries, revision to 7 existing Underwriting Guide entries, and deletion of 3 Underwriting Guide entries.
- Addition of Code 991, Athletic Team Noncontact Sports Professional or Semiprofessional, and Code 970, Athletic Team – Contact Sports – Professional or Semiprofessional, to the Employment Contractor – Temporary Staffing cross reference chart.

For additional information, please refer to Filing No. 1903, posted under the "Filings" tab of the DCRB's website (http://www.dcrb.com). Please contact Joseph Lombo, Manager – Classification Section, at (215) 320-4498 or at jlombo@dcrb.com for any questions regarding this Circular. The Basic Manual will be updated on the DCRB's website at a later date.

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RULE IX- SPECIAL CONDITIONS OR OPERATIONS AFFECTING COVERAGE AND PREMIUM

A. EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

1. Definition

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(No change to Items 2. through 4.)

5. Premium Determination

Premium for executive officers, other than elected officers of Delaware or its political subdivisions, shall be based on their total payroll, subject to the following:

- a. (No change)
- b. (No change)
- c. (No change)
- **d.** These limitations apply to the average weekly payroll of each executive officer for the number of weeks the officer was employed during the policy period.
- **e.** A part of a week shall be considered a full week in determining the average weekly payroll.

(No change to Items 6. through 8.)

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B. SOLE PROPRIETORS AND PARTNERS OR MEMBERS OF THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILY

(No change to Items 1. and 2.)

3. Premium Determination

(No change to Item a.)

b. Rules to set payroll for sole proprietors, <u>or LLC members</u> are the same as for executive officers. (See Rule IX A. 5. for details.)

(No change to Items b. and c.)

(No changes to Items C. through I.)

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SECTION 2

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OPERATIONS NOT INCLUDED:

 Assign Code 899 or the appropriate restaurant class (typically Code 897 or 975) to brewpubs, microbreweries, and other businesses brewing beer on the premises and serving that beer primarily by the drink to their customers for on-site consumption.

413 IRON WORKS - SHOP - ORNAMENTAL, NON-STRUCTURAL IRON OR STEEL FABRICATING

Separately rate installation, <u>service</u>, <u>erection</u> or repair operations to Code 658 or to Code 675 as provided in this Manual the applicable construction classification(s) as warranted.

459 EYELET, NEEDLE, PIN, PEN, OR TRACK MFG.

UNDERWRITING GUIDE

Artificial Limb (Prosthesis) Mfg.

474 ELECTRIC POWER OR ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION EQUIPMENT MFG.

Contemplates the manufacture of equipment for the generation, storage or transmission of electrical energy—or vacuum furnaces. Includes the manufacture of power transformers (over 1 horsepower), switch-gear or switchboard apparatus, and generators—or vacuum furnaces.

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Vacuum Furnace, Kiln Or Drying Oven Mfg.

551 CHEMICAL PROCESSING OR PRODUCTS MFG., N.O.C.

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555 DRUG OR MEDICINE MFG.

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607 DRILLING BY CONTRACTOR

OPERATIONS ALSO INCLUDED:

- 1. (No change)
- 2. <u>Microtunneling is a trenchless method of installing pipes. A computerized navigation system operated above ground advances and steers the microtunneling machine (MTB), jacks the pipe, and excavates the soil to directly install pipes.</u>

UNDERWRITING GUIDE

Microtunneling

615 TUNNELING OR SHAFT SINKING, ALL WORK TO COMPLETION

OPERATIONS NOT INCLUDED:

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651 CARPENTRY - COMMERCIAL STRUCTURES

OPERATIONS NOT INCLUDED:

Assign Code 675 to the installation of overhead doors.

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Aluminum Siding Installation - Commercial

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855 LUMBER AND/OR BUILDING MATERI AL DEALER

OPERATIONS ALSO INCLUDED:

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5. A business principally engaged in the rental and/or sale of non-mobile and non-self-propelled construction equipment (e.g., temporary bridge sections, shoring equipment, and air compressors).

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Rental Or Sale Of Non-Mobile & Non-Self-Propelled Construction Equipment

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Personal Chef Service - By Specialist Contractor

899 BAR, TAVERN, COCKTAIL LOUNGE OR NIGHTCLUB – ALL EMPLOYEES EXCEPT OFFICE

OPERATIONS ALSO INCLUDED:

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903 LABOR UNION - ALL EMPLOYEES INCLUDING OFFICE

UNDERWRITING GUIDE

Trade School Operated By A Labor Union

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928 RETAIL STORE, N.O.C.

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Habitat For Humanity ReStores

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934 AUTOMOBILE PARTS AND ACCESSORY STORE – RETAIL AND/OR WHOLESALE

An auto parts store that also provides automobile repair services shall have payroll divided with Code 815 provided the following conditions are fulfilled: the new and/or used auto parts sales and the automobile repair services are conducted in physically separate work areas by separate employee crews and the majority of the new and/or used parts/ accessories sold must be sold to others and are neither installed nor used by the insured for repair services. If both operations are conducted and these conditions are not met, then payroll developed in both the new and/or used auto parts and accessories sales and the auto repair services shall be assigned to

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