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## **NEW ASSESSMENT MANUAL**

The Panel of Administrators has approved a new *Assessment Manual* to replace the existing *Assessment Policy Manual* effective January 1, 2003.

The *Assessment Manual* is written in the new manual format approved by the Panel several years ago. It represents an editorial consolidation of material from the existing *Assessment Policy Manual* and relevant and still current material from 29 assessment decisions in volumes 1 - 6 of the *Workers' Compensation Reporter*.

The material in the new *Manual* has been organized according to the provisions of the *Workers Compensation Act*. This has necessitated the adoption of a different numerical reference system from the existing *Assessment Policy Manual*. Out-of-date procedures have been removed, and some minor "substantive" changes have been made to make policy consistent with current practice or legal requirements.

The History section in each Item in the new *Manual* shows how material from the existing *Manual* has been transferred to the new *Manual*. Tables on the disposition of the policies from the existing *Manual* and from the 29 *Reporter* decisions are also available, on request, from the Assessment Department.

The existing *Assessment Policy Manual* and the 29 *Reporter* decisions will be retired from policy when the new *Manual* comes into effect. As new policy is developed and approved in this area, the new *Manual* will be updated by issuing replacement pages.

If you have questions regarding the new *Assessment Manual*, please call the Assessment Department at (604) 244-6181, or toll free, at 1-888-922-2768.

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Attachments