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To All Members of the Bureau:

Re: **INSURANCE BUREAU BULLETIN BOARD SERVICE (IBBSnet)**

The Pennsylvania Compensation Rating Bureau is participating in the Insurance Bureau Bulletin Board Service (IBBSnet), a multi-state Workers Compensation Online Solution. The Bureau will soon have available an electronic Bulletin Board Service (BBS) and File Transfer Facility (FTF). The Bureau has been working with Advantis, the U. S. provider of the IBM Global Network, to develop this service. This interactive service will be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, except for scheduled maintenance.

The BBS, which will be available to all interested parties, will provide access to the following types of information:

- Experience Rating Modifications
- Merit Rating Adjustments
- Class Descriptions and Loss Cost/Rate Data
- Underwriting Guide
- Bureau Circulars
- Bureau Contacts

This information can be viewed in many different ways with search and display options controlled by the user. For example, experience modification data may be searched by expiration date range within a specific county. IBBSnet is a comprehensive lead generation and prospecting tool that includes all data previously available only by microfiche. BBS users, therefore, will not be bound by the restrictions of microfiche when viewing experience modification data via this new service. Data will be current and easy to access; the system will be simple to use.

Another exciting feature will be the ability to view and download Bureau circulars to your desktop personal computer for later reading, printing or distribution.

This service can be accessed via PC or 3270-type terminal.

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The FTF, which will be available to all Bureau member insurers, will provide for the electronic transmission of Policy (WCPOLS) and Statistical (WCSTAT) data. This transmission will be made via the secured Advantis network.

More information on this service will be available shortly. Questions can be directed to William J. Taggart, Director of Data Processing Operations, at Extension 224.

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