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New law means more benefits for some Oregon injured workers

Oregon workers injured on the job in 2002 may be eligible for supplemental benefits if they had (or have) more than one job at the time of injury, thanks to the passage of Senate Bill 485.

The new workers' compensation law changes how benefits are calculated. Benefits for qualified workers will now be calculated using the combined earnings of the job where the injury occurred and other employment held at the time of the injury, resulting in increased benefits to the injured worker.

To qualify, workers employed at more than one job, injured in 2002 or later, must notify their workers' compensation insurer of their other job(s). Then, within 30 days from the time the insurer receives the claim, the injured worker must provide proof of multiple employment and the legal name(s) of the other employer(s). Such proof should be paycheck stubs or payroll records from the employer(s). The additional employment must be subject to Oregon workers' compensation laws.

Under the new law, injured workers who receive the new benefits must provide ongoing documentation to continue to receive those benefits for time lost at other employment, even if the worker is not missing time from the job where the injury occurred.

For more information about this new benefit, call the Workers' Compensation Division, Benefit Consultation Unit at 1-800-452-0288.

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