

2013 Focus: Workers Compensation in Manitoba

SUBJECT	GRADE
WCB protection (% of workers covered)	D
Putting a stop to claims suppression	F
Services for injured workers	C
Benefits	B
Workplace injury/illness prevention	C
Return to work programs	C
Financial stability	A
Governance/Accountability	A
OVERALL GRADE	C

Comments:

The report card shows that Manitoba has a lot of work to do if we want to do right by injured workers. Fortunately, several recent reviews provide a road map for improvement. It's time for the WCB to get on with implementing their recommendations.

The WCB needs to focus first and foremost on shifting resources from employer discounts that encourage illegal claims suppression towards incentives for effective injury prevention activities.

Too much time is being spent on reviews, and not enough time is being spent fixing problems that have already been identified.