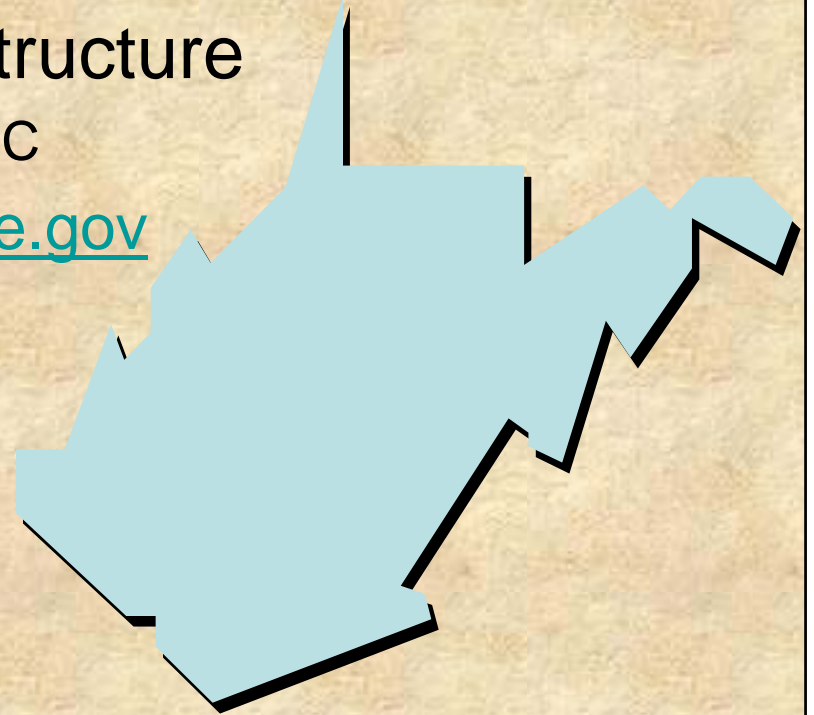


# West Virginia Offices of the Insurance Commissioner

Workers' Compensation  
Organizational Structure

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# Recent Changes

The West Virginia Offices of the Insurance Commissioner (WVOIC) - a division of the West Virginia Department of Revenue - regulates the state's insurance industry, providing oversight that focuses on meeting consumer needs through ensuring that insurance products are priced competitively and claims are managed expeditiously and professionally.

The WVOIC has experienced many recent changes that have resulted in a dramatic increase in the agency's scope. On January 1, 2006, the former Workers' Compensation Commission was abolished and replaced with a new private employers' mutual insurance carrier. The "regulatory" functions of the old Workers' Compensation Commission have been transitioned to the WVOIC and the monopolistic state fund closed. The transitioned "regulatory" functions include such responsibilities as the appellate process, employer compliance, and regulation of self-insured employers.

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# Office of Judges

The Workers' Compensation Office of Judges (OOJ) conducts hearings, receives and weighs evidence and arguments and then issues written decisions in appeals from initial claims management decisions made by private carriers or by self-insured employers. The OOJ is strictly neutral and does not assist, or take the side of, the injured worker, the employer or the claims adjustor.

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# Board of Review

The Workers Compensation Board of Review consists of three members who are appointed by the governor. The Board's responsibility is to review the final action of the Administrative Law Judge. When the claim gets to the Workers' Compensation Board of Review, the matter is heard strictly as an appellate case. The Board is not an evidentiary taking body, and the case does not come to the Board de novo. Thus, the hearings before the Board are confined to the evidence presented before the Office of Judges.

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