PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Subsequent Injury Fund reviews and investigates workers’ compensation claims that involve pre-existing health conditions that substantially increase the disability of injured workers. The liability of employers’ insurers is limited to compensation for the damages caused by the current injury, and the Subsequent Injury Fund incurs all additional liability from the combined effects of all injuries and/or conditions. The Fund derives its income from assessments of insurance companies on awards of compensation for permanent disability.

MISSION

To provide workers’ compensation benefits to disabled workers who have combined effects a pre-existing and an accidental work-related injury.

SUBSEQUENT INJURY FUND CURRENT BOARD COMPOSITION

R. Dennis German, Chairman
Representing the Business Sector

Margareta Crampton, Member
Representing Labor

Valerie Fraling, Member
Representing the Public Sector
Actual operating costs for Fiscal Year 2010 were $1,973,890.10. The Fiscal Year 2011 appropriation for operating costs is $1,981,690.00. The Fiscal year 2012 request is $1,969,166.00.

Total Fiscal Year 2010 cases set before the Workers’ Compensation Commission and various Circuit Court levels and Appellate Courts of Maryland totaled 2155. New cases received in Fiscal Year 2010 totaled 822. Total benefits paid to Claimant’s Fiscal Year 2010 amounted to $18,253,776.44.

Respectfully submitted,

R. Dennis German, Chairman

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