# WORKERS' COMPENSATION 2024 Kansas Law Change

### Work Comp Overview

Workers' compensation
is a system that
provides benefits to
employees injured at
work, with the sole
remedy being to file a
claim against the
employer.

It's a no-fault system. It offers 100% coverage of medical bills for life long treatment and wage compensation during treatment.



# Employer Control and Benefit Limits

While workers' compensation offers significant benefits, employers control the choice of doctors, and there are limits to the amount of benefits receivable. These limitations make it crucial for seriously injured workers to seek experienced legal representation.

### Protection Against Retaliation

Although rare, some employers may wrongfully terminate employees for filing workers' compensation claims. In such cases, injured workers may have grounds for a retaliatory discharge claim, potentially including punitive damages.

# Recent Law Changes in Kansas

As of July 1, 2024, Kansas has implemented significant changes to workers' compensation laws, doubling benefit rates in favor of injured workers. This includes an increase in death benefits from \$350,000 to \$500,000 and unlimited lifetime medical coverage for work-related injuries.

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