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**ICW Group Insurance Now Offers  
Workers' Compensation in Illinois**

***Super Regional Carrier Brings Its 35 Years of Experience to the Midwest***

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA — **ICW Group Insurance Companies**, which partners with 3,800 agents and brokers across the United States, is now offering **Workers' Compensation insurance** in the state of **Illinois**.

The super-regional carrier's industry-leading claims services and forward-thinking risk management has helped thousands of companies create a safe and productive work environment, while lowering the costs associated with Workers' Compensation claims.

"We are excited to be offering our innovative products and services to companies in the Illinois market," said David Hoppen, chief operating officer at ICW Group. "ICW Group has been operating successfully as an insurance carrier for more than 35 years, delivering competitive rates as well as a comprehensive line of products and services, including Workers' Compensation."

The Illinois Workers' Compensation office is led by Suzanne Lysak. Lysak has more than 16 years of experience in the Workers' Compensation insurance industry, with a strong background in customer-oriented technology, agency management and business development. She will operate out of the company's Downers Grove office in suburban Chicago. Lysak will focus on establishing a customer footprint for ICW Group in the Midwest regional marketplace by partnering with successful property and casualty agents in the greater Chicago area as well as in other key cities across the state.

"ICW Group is committed to meeting the needs of Illinois independent agents and brokers in the Workers' Comp arena," said Paul Zamora, Vice President of Workers' Compensation. "We selected Illinois because it aligns well with our broad underwriting appetite, the types of industries represented across the state, and our experience working with the independent agent and broker channel. While many carriers are pulling back on Workers' Comp, we view this as an opportunity to offer our unique brand to this vibrant market."

The carrier has recently achieved a series of transformative milestones that have greatly enhanced its agent focused business strategy, including:

- Launching the Snap<sup>SM</sup> Agency Portal, an online underwriting tool that streamlines the submission process for workers' compensation agents and brokers.
- Entry into the Small Workers' Comp market featuring Snap Instant Quote (Snap IQ), which offers straight-through processing for premiums starting at \$2,500.
- Introduction of RMRx Safety Advisor, a free online risk-management service that can be cobranded with its agents and brokers.
- SAP® software implementation for improved operational efficiencies and customer service.

### **About ICW Group**

Privately held ICW Group represents a group of multi-line property and casualty insurance carriers providing workers' compensation, surety, earthquake and personal and business auto insurance. Its member companies consist of Insurance Company of the West, Explorer Insurance Company and Independence Casualty and Surety. Based in San Diego, ICW Group continues to transform itself into an insurance industry leader dedicated to meeting the needs of its Agents and Brokers and the people and companies they insure. More information is available at [www.icwgroup.com](http://www.icwgroup.com).

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