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CHAPTER 18. State Compensation Insurance Fund [7929.400 - 7929.430] (Chapter 18 added by Stats. 2021, Ch. 614, Sec. 2.)

7929.400. Except as provided in Sections 7924.510, 7924.700, and 7929.610, this division does not require disclosure of records of the State Compensation Insurance Fund that relate to claims pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 3200) of Part 1 of Division 4 of the Labor Code, to the extent that confidential medical information or other individually identifiable information would be disclosed.

(Added by Stats. 2021, Ch. 614, Sec. 2. (AB 473) Effective January 1, 2022. Operative January 1, 2023, pursuant to Sec. 7931.000.)

7929.405. Except as provided in Sections 7924.510, 7924.700, and 7929.610, this division does not require disclosure of records of the State Compensation Insurance Fund that relate to discussions, communications, or any other portion of negotiations with entities contracting or seeking to contract with the fund, and any related deliberations.

(Added by Stats. 2021, Ch. 614, Sec. 2. (AB 473) Effective January 1, 2022. Operative January 1, 2023, pursuant to Sec. 7931.000.)

7929.410. Except as provided in Sections 7924.510, 7924.700, and 7929.610, this division does not require disclosure of records of the State Compensation Insurance Fund that relate to the impressions, opinions, recommendations, meeting minutes of meetings or sessions that are lawfully closed to the public, research, work product, theories, or strategy of the fund or its staff, on the development of rates, contracting strategy, underwriting, or competitive strategy pursuant to the powers granted to the fund in Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 11770) of Part 3 of Division 2 of the Insurance Code.

(Added by Stats. 2021, Ch. 614, Sec. 2. (AB 473) Effective January 1, 2022. Operative January 1, 2023, pursuant to Sec. 7931.000.)

7929.415. Except as provided in Sections 7924.510, 7924.700, and 7929.610, this division does not require disclosure of records of the State Compensation Insurance Fund obtained to provide workers' compensation insurance under Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 11770) of Part 3 of Division 2 of the Insurance Code, including, but not limited to, all of the following:

- (a) Any medical claims information.
- (b) Policyholder information, provided that this section shall not be interpreted to prevent an insurance agent or broker from obtaining proprietary information or other information authorized by law to be obtained by the agent or broker.
- (c) Information on rates, pricing, and claims handling received from brokers.

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- 7929.420. (a) Except as provided in Sections 7924.510, 7924.700, and 7929.610, this division does not require disclosure of records of the State Compensation Insurance Fund that are trade secrets pursuant to Section 7930.205, or Article 11 (commencing with Section 1060) of Chapter 4 of Division 8 of the Evidence Code, including, without limitation, instructions, advice, or training provided by the State Compensation Insurance Fund to its board members, officers, and employees regarding the fund's special investigation unit, internal audit unit, and informational security, marketing, rating, pricing, underwriting, claims handling, audits, and collections.
- (b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), the portions of records containing trade secrets shall be available for review by the Joint Legislative Audit Committee, California State Auditor's Office, Division of Workers' Compensation, and the Department of Insurance to ensure compliance with applicable law.

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- **7929.425.** (a) Except as provided in Sections 7924.510, 7924.700, and 7929.610, this division does not require disclosure of internal audits of the State Compensation Insurance Fund containing proprietary information, or the following records of the State Compensation Insurance Fund that are related to an internal audit:
 - (1) Personal papers and correspondence of any person providing assistance to the fund when that person has requested in writing that the person's papers and correspondence be kept private and confidential. Those papers and correspondence shall become public records if the written request is withdrawn, or upon order of the fund.
 - (2) Papers, correspondence, memoranda, or any substantive information pertaining to any audit not completed or an internal audit that contains proprietary information.
- (b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), the portions of records containing proprietary information, or any information specified in subdivision (a), shall be available for review by the Joint Legislative Audit Committee, California State Auditor's Office, Division of Workers' Compensation, and the Department of Insurance to ensure compliance with applicable law.

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- **7929.430.** (a) For purposes of this section, "fully executed" means the point in time when all of the necessary parties to a contract have signed the contract.
- (b) Except as provided in subdivision (d), records of the State Compensation Insurance Fund that are contracts entered into pursuant to Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 11770) of Part 3 of Division 2 of the Insurance Code shall be open to inspection one year after the contract has been fully executed.
- (c) If a contract entered into pursuant to Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 11770) of Part 3 of Division 2 of the Insurance Code is amended, the amendment shall be open to inspection one year after the amendment has been fully executed.
- (d) Three years after a contract or amendment is open to inspection pursuant to this section, the portion of the contract or amendment containing the rates of payment shall be open to inspection.
- (e) Notwithstanding any other law, the entire contract or amendment to a contract shall be open to inspection by the Joint Legislative Audit Committee. The committee shall maintain the confidentiality of the contract or amendment thereto until the contract or amendment is open to inspection pursuant to this section.
- (f) This section does not apply to a document related to a contract with a public entity that is not otherwise expressly confidential as to that public entity.

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