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State jobs-growth program offers workers' comp deals

The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation has created Grow Ohio, a program designed to encourage job growth by cutting workers' comp premiums for employers new to Ohio since July 1.

Under Grow Ohio, the agency said, new employers will receive a 25 percent discount on those premiums. Alternatively, they can immediately participate in a group-rating program that previously was not open to new employers and save as much as 51 percent.

New businesses or out-of-state businesses that are new to the state and report payroll in Ohio on July 1 or later will have 30 days to decide whether to pursue the group-rating option, or the 25 percent discount will be automatic, the agency said.