

Abigail Hudgens
Administrator
Workers' Compensation Division

Abigail Hudgens is the Administrator for the Workers' Compensation Division. In this position, she oversees the state's Workers' Compensation system, which provides benefits to employees who are injured during the course of employment. The Workers' Compensation Division administers a request for assistance program to determine whether temporary disability or medical benefits are appropriate in disputed claims, provides a mediation program for disputed claims, assesses and collects penalties for noncompliance with workers' compensation statutes, administers the workers' compensation medical fee schedule, administers a utilization review appeal program, investigates unlawful deductions from employees' pay for workers' compensation insurance, and oversees an information awareness program on workers' compensation. The division manages the Second Injury Fund, the Uninsured Employers' Fund, The Medical Impairment Rating Registry and the Drug-Free Workplace Program.

Prior to coming with the department, Abbie was a consultant in private practice and had been risk manager for Nashville and Davidson County Metro Government and risk and benefits manager for the City of Knoxville.

She has a B.A. from the University of Memphis and an M.P.A. from the University of Tennessee. She has also earned an Associate in Claims and Associate in Risk Management from the Insurance Institute of America.

She has been senior warden of her parish and has served on the board of Friends of General Hospital in Nashville. She was a member of the 1999 class of Leadership Knoxville. While risk and benefits manager of Knoxville, she was national president of the Public Risk Management Association.