

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER TWO YEARS ON THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION SYSTEM?

A look at transitions to Centrelink after long periods of inability to work due to an employment-related health problem.

Key Finding

When leaving the workers' compensation system after at least 2 years of weekly payments

42%

received Centrelink income benefits within the following year

Transitions to **Centrelink** were **5 times** more common than community-levels over the same period

Workers' Compensation

Injured worker joins the workers' compensation system

Worker accepted onto the workers' compensation system and receives weekly wage replacement payments

At least 2 years later

No income from Centrelink

Income only from alternative sources such as return to work, assets/savings, family support, superannuation, other forms of welfare

58%

42%

16%

Unemployment (Newstart) Allowance
Faster transitions

8%

Disability Support Pension
Slower / delayed transitions

13%

Age Pension
If reaching the pension age

centrelink

42% received Centrelink income benefits (at least 1 type)