



I'm looking for feedback regarding Wisconsin Workers Comp Insurance, specifically on what other members are using for a classification code for their press and bindery staff in their operations.

We are a commercial printer and our customer base includes several weekly papers. Our corporate office is using the Newspaper Publishing (4304) code for our production staff and I am making the argument that we should be using PRINTING (4299). I believe because we are not the publisher of the papers, we could be classified under the PRINTING code.

Our insurance provider is on the fence with this and I am looking for feedback to support my case. Any feedback would be greatly appreciated.

We use 4299

We went through a long battle about 10 years ago with the WCRB after an insurance company slammed us (post audit) out of 4299 and into a higher cost code. If the code descriptions are still the same as 10 years ago, I would say you certainly belong in code 4299. WCRB and NCCI are normally focused on what end product do you make, but in the case of a commercial printer you may make many diverse end products, and that is what the 4299 code is for, or at least, that is how I read the code descriptions. Unfortunately, the WCRB and NCCI are largely run by insurance companies, and we lost all appeals and are still stuck in the higher cost code. If you manage to get your w/c code changed, let me know as it may be time for us to take another kick at it.

We use classification code 4299.

Your company could fit 3 categories of print. I would use newspaper if you run a web press because of the time dated factor of the product, speeds involved. Check the category to see if stereotype metal plates are listed for newspaper and compare to 4299. If so perhaps the press is safer as lead is not used and or lock up of plates whether dycril relief or metal is different. If persons are within the same room then they must use the highest code, example off loaders, packers, material handling persons. If a wall separates press from bindery then use bindery. Commercial printing uses a web as well but the speeds are less than news print as quality is higher.

As a commercial printer, we use Printing (4299) for all production (bindery and press) employees. Our insurance company was not super helpful when I was trying to decide on recent changes. Ultimately they said to use our best estimate of how these employees spend the majority of their time.

We have large format commercial printing. Our WC coverage on our commercial printing employees is based on code 4299.

We use 4299. We manufacture labels for our large division and commercial print for small division.
