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Highlights

- We study the impact of employer-based Return to Work programs at large, selfinsured firms.
- Return to Work programs generated positive returns by reducing time off work after a workplace injury.
- Modifying work equipment was the most effective RTW program component.
- Programs had the greatest impact on men and workers with a permanent disability.
- Short-term benefits were not nullified by long-term adverse employment outcomes.

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