

**TITLE 810. OKLAHOMA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
CHAPTER 10. PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE**

RULEMAKING ACTION:

Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking

PROPOSED RULES:

Subchapter 1. General Provisions

810:10-1-3 [AMENDED]

810:10-1-4 [AMENDED]

810:10-1-5 [AMENDED]

810:10-1-7 [AMENDED]

810:10-1-8 [AMENDED]

810:10-1-9 [AMENDED]

810:10-1-10 [AMENDED]

Subchapter 3. Informal Dispute Resolution Processes

810:10-3-3 [AMENDED]

810:10-3-5 [AMENDED]

Subchapter 5. Hearings Conducted by Administrative Law Judges and Commissioners

Part 1. Commencement of Claims and Review of Qualified Employer Benefit Determinations

810:10-5-5 [REVOKED]

Part 5. Prehearing Proceedings

810:10-5-31 [AMENDED]

Part 7. Initial and Subsequent Proceedings

810:10-5-46 [AMENDED]

810:10-5-49 [AMENDED]

810:10-5-50 [AMENDED]

Part 13. Dismissals

810:10-5-85 [AMENDED]

Part 15. Settlements

810:10-5-95 [AMENDED]

Part 17. Fees

810:10-5-105

SUMMARY:

The proposed rule amendments incorporate new procedures for workers' compensation proceedings coming before the Commission for disposition pursuant to the Administrative Workers' Compensation Act. The proposed amendments implement an Electronic Data Interchange system pursuant to 85A O.S. §101; revoke rules and procedures pertaining to the Oklahoma Employee Injury Benefit Act; establish additional procedures related to social security numbers, attorney leave requests, the retention and retrieval of trial exhibits, payment of dismissal fees, joint petition settlements and Certificates of Noncoverage; clarify policies and procedures related to evidentiary requirements for permanent impairment, mediation conference reports, deposition scheduling and payment, and subpoenas issued in compliance investigations.

AUTHORITY:

Workers' Compensation Commission; 85A O.S. §§ 1 et seq.

COMMENT PERIOD:

Persons may submit written comments through February 16, 2017, to Lindsey Christopher at 1915 N. Stiles, Oklahoma City, OK 73105, or by email to rules@wcc.ok.gov.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A public hearing will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 in Commission Chambers on the 2nd floor of the Denver N. Davison Building, 1915 N. Stiles Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Interested parties must sign in at the door.

REQUESTS FOR COMMENTS FROM BUSINESS ENTITIES:

Business entities affected by these proposed rules are requested to provide the agency with information, in dollar amounts if possible, about the increase in the level of direct costs, indirect costs, or other costs expected to be incurred by the business entity due to compliance with the proposed rules. Business entities may submit this information in writing to Lindsey Christopher at the above address on or before February 16, 2017.

COPIES OF PROPOSED RULES:

Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained from the Workers' Compensation Commission, 1915 N. Stiles, Suite 231, Oklahoma City, OK 73105. Copies of proposed rules may be obtained at a cost of 10 cents per page. The proposed rules are also available at <http://www.ok.gov/wcc>.

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT:

Pursuant to 75 O.S., §303(D), a rule impact statement will be prepared and may be obtained from the Workers' Compensation Commission at the above address beginning January 20, 2017.

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