

**TITLE 810. OKLAHOMA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
CHAPTER 15. MEDICAL SERVICES**

RULEMAKING ACTION:

Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking

PROPOSED RULES:

Subchapter 3. Workers' Compensation Fee Schedule

810:15-3-3 [AMENDED]

Subchapter 9. Independent Medical Examiners

810:15-9-1 [AMENDED]

810:15-9-4 [AMENDED]

Subchapter 13. Change of Treating Physician

810:15-13-1 [AMENDED]

Subchapter 15. Medical Dispute Resolution

810:15-15-2 [AMENDED]

810:15-15-3 [AMENDED]

SUMMARY:

The proposed rule amendments would modify procedures and standards governing medical matters over which the Commission has responsibility under the Administrative Workers Compensation Act, 85A O.S. §§ 1 et seq. The proposed amendments to the 2012 Workers' Compensation Fee Schedule prescribe a billing modifier for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses; amend procedures pertaining to the qualifications and appointment of Independent Medical Examiners; require certified workplace medical plans to provide the Commission with current website addresses where dispute resolution forms and providers may be accessed by the general public; and correct citations and internal references.

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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