

**RULE IMPACT STATEMENT FOR PERMANENT RULES**

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

**A. Brief description of the purpose of the rules:**

The proposed amendments to 810:15-1-2, 810:15-3-2, and 810:15-3-3 correct references to the current fee schedule after its update in 2020 and strike errant commas in the format of statutory citations.

The amendment to 810:15-9-1 ensures the most experienced and competent physicians participate as independent medical examiners (IMEs) with the Commission. The proposed revisions would provide that IMEs must attend relevant continuing educational courses related to workers' compensation topics and removes the requirement that the Commission must approve the specific educational programming. The amendment also adds and removes commas and moves a superfluous "and" for language and grammar clarity.

**B. Description of classes of persons who will be affected by the proposed rules:**

The classes of persons to be affected by the proposed rules are workers' compensation system participants, including IMEs, employers, insurance carriers, and third party administrators who are subject to the Administrative Workers' Compensation Act.

**C. Description of the classes of persons who will benefit from the proposed rules:**

The classes of persons who will benefit are IMEs, employees, employers, self-insured entities, third-party administrators, and insurance carriers and agents.

**D. Description of the probable economic impact of the proposed rules:**

No economic impact is anticipated.

**E. Description of probable costs and benefits to the agency:**

There are no probable costs associated with implementing these amendments. The proposed rules would benefit the Commission and workers' compensation system participants by clarifying existing rules and establishing procedures to ensure experienced and competent physicians participate in the Commission's IME program.

**F. Determination of economic impact on political subdivisions:**

The proposed rules will not have an economic impact on political subdivisions or require their cooperation in implementing or enforcing the rules.

**G. Determination of adverse economic impact on small business:**

The proposed rules will not have an adverse effect on small businesses as provided by the Oklahoma Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Act.

**H. Explanation of measures to minimize compliance costs:**

The proposed rules will not increase compliance costs. There are no less costly or non-regulatory methods or less intrusive methods.

- I. Determination of effect on public health, safety and environment:**  
There will be no effect on the public health, safety, or the environment.
  
- J. Determination of any detrimental effect on public health, safety and environment:**  
There is no detrimental effect on the public health, safety, or the environment from the non-implementation of these rules.
  
- K. Date of Impact Statement Preparation:** January 15, 2021.