

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT FOR PERMANENT RULES

TITLE 810. OKLAHOMA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION CHAPTER 20. VOCATION REHABILITATION SERVICES

A. Brief description of the purpose of the rules:

The proposed rule changes the duty of the Commission to hire or contract for a Vocational Rehabilitation Director from mandatory to permissive, to reflect the statutory change to Title 85A O.S. § 45(E)(2) by HB 2367 (2019).

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, 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 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 in line with state statute.

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: February 15, 2022.