

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
OKLAHOMA WORKERS' COMPENSATION
COMMISSION

Friday, September 7, 2018
2:00 p.m.
Commission Chambers
1915 N. Stiles Ave.
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
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AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER Chairman Mark Liotta

ROLL CALL Chairman Mark Liotta

A. The Commissioners will observe and may participate in the Physician Advisory Committee discussion of the following agenda items 1-8, but no action will be taken by the Commission:

- (1) Call to Order
- (2) Roll call and determination of quorum
- (3) Announcements and Introductions
- (4) Presentation from Chairman Mark Liotta of the Workers' Compensation Commission on the status of the 2013 Workers' Compensation Reform.
- (5) Discussion and approval of minutes from the last meeting of 6/15/18.
- (6) Discussion and possible action concerning recommendations to the Workers' Compensation Commission regarding the Schedule of Medical Fees.
- (7) Discussion and possible action concerning the development of recommendations regarding the implementation of the medical marijuana law in workers' compensation as directed by the Workers' Compensation Commission, and assistance in accessing medical information from scientific literature related to the use and ingestion of medical marijuana.

(8) Discussion and possible action regarding guidelines for the prescribing of narcotics, utilization of alternative forms of treatment, and reimbursement for alternative treatment following passage of SB 1446.

(9) Discussion and possible action concerning the approval of the 2017 PAC Annual Report.

(10) Determination and possible action concerning the next PAC meeting date which is currently scheduled for Fri 10/26/18.

(11) New Business

(12) Adjournment

B. ADJOURNMENT of the Commission.....Chairman Liotta

Mark Liotta
Chairman

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Re: Request for Information from PAC on Implementation of SQ 788

Mr. Chairman,

On August 23, 2018, the Workers' Compensation Commission ("Commission") voted to refer specific items for the Physician Advisory Committee's ("PAC" or "Committee") consideration.

Section 17 of Title 85 governs the scope and duties of the Committee. *See* 85A O.S. § 17. Subsections within Section 17 provide enumerated areas in which the PAC shall assist the Commission. For example, Section 17(B)(7) states that the PAC shall "[p]rovide general recommendations to the Commission on the issues of injury causation and apportionment." *Id.* § 17(B)(7). Similarly, Section 17(B)(9) requires the PAC to "[a]ssist the Commission in accessing medical information from scientific literature."

State Question 788—which legalizes use of marijuana in the State for persons who have a state-issued marijuana license—was passed by the voters on June 26, 2018. In an attempt to be proactively contemplative of the potential effects that implementation of State Question 788 may have on issues affecting injured workers, the Commission seeks the Committee's assistance in answering the following questions, and in accessing medical information related to the use and ingestion of medical marijuana.

Based on the provisions listed above, the Commission requests the PAC provide its recommendation on the following:

1. What is the progression of physiological effects, including, without limitation, effects on one's cognitive, reactive, and physical capabilities, after ingesting marijuana (containing THC)?

2. At what level, and how long, can impairment or intoxication occur?
3. Is there a reliable method to determine at what levels marijuana may contribute to or cause an injury?
4. Are there other issues regarding marijuana ingestion and injury causation of which the Commission should be aware?

Additionally, the Commission requests the PAC's assistance in accessing the following medical information from scientific literature:

1. Medical information from scientific literature related to the use and ingestion of medical marijuana.

Thank you for your help in facilitating this exchange of information. It will greatly assist the Commission in understanding to what extent, if any, implementation of SQ 788 will impact the injured workers of Oklahoma.

Sincerely,



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