

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

RULEMAKING ACTION:

Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking

PROPOSED RULES:

Subchapter 1. General Provisions

810:15-1-2 [AMENDED]

Subchapter 3. Workers' Compensation Fee Schedule

810:15-3-2 [AMENDED]

810:15-3-3 [AMENDED]

Subchapter 9. Independent Medical Examiners

810:15-9-1 [AMENDED]

SUMMARY:

The proposed revisions are designed to ensure the most experienced and competent physicians participate as independent medical examiners (IMEs) with the Commission. The proposed revisions would provide that IMEs should attend relevant continuing educational courses related to workers' compensation topics and removes the requirement that the Commission must approve the specific educational programming.

The proposed revisions also correct references to the current fee schedule after its update in 2020, strike errant commas in the format of statutory citations, and add and remove commas and move superfluous "and" for language and grammar clarity.

AUTHORITY:

Workers' Compensation Commission; 85A O.S. §§ 19, 22, 50, 112

COMMENT PERIOD:

Persons may submit data, views, or arguments in writing before 5:00 p.m. on February 17, 2021, to the Oklahoma Workers' Compensation Commission, Attn: General Counsel at 1915 N. Stiles, Oklahoma City, OK 73105, or by email to rules@wcc.ok.gov.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A public hearing to afford a comment period for all interested persons to submit data, views, or arguments, orally will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 18, 2021, 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 Lauren Hammonds Johnson at the above address on or before 5:00 p.m. on February 17, 2021.

COPIES OF PROPOSED RULES:

Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained for review by the public 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 will also be 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 15, 2021.

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