

TITLE 810. OKLAHOMA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
CHAPTER 1. GENERAL INFORMATION
RULE IMPACT STATEMENT FOR PERMANENT RULES

A. Brief description of the purpose of the rules:

The purpose of the proposed chapter is for compliance with the Oklahoma Administrative Procedures Act, 75 O.S. § 250.1 et seq., and to describe the purposes, functions and processes of the Oklahoma Workers' Compensation Commission. This chapter sets forth a general description of the Workers' Compensation Commission, review the functions performed by the Commission and briefly present an overview of the statutory role of the Commission, its organization and structure.

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 employees, employers, insurance carriers, attorneys and healthcare professionals 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 workers' compensation system participants, including employees, employers, insurance carriers, attorneys and healthcare professionals who will better understand the Commission's organization and role in the workers' compensation system.

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

A positive economic impact will result from efficient operation of the Oklahoma Workers' Compensation Commission. Requests to access workers' compensation claims information are subject to the search fee requirements in 85A O.S. § 120 of One Dollar (\$1.00) per claim record plus applicable copy charges as set forth in 85A O.S. § 119(A), any applicable fees according to the Oklahoma Open Records Act, 51 O.S. § 24A.5(3), and certification fees, if any.

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

There are no probable costs associated with implementing these new rules.

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 and environment.

J. Determination of any detrimental effect on public health, safety and environment:

There is no detrimental effect on the public health, safety and environment from the non-implementation of these rules.

K. Date of Impact Statement Preparation: January 16, 2015.