

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT FOR PERMANENT RULES

**TITLE 810. OKLAHOMA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
CHAPTER 10. PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE**

- A. Brief description of the purpose of the rules:**
The amendment to 810:10-5-49 adds language regarding objections to medical evidence and corrects a spelling error in renumbered subsection (i).
- 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 attorneys, 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, insurance carriers and agents, and attorneys.
- 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 object to medical evidence.
- 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.