

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT FOR PERMANENT RULES

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

A. Brief description of the purpose of the rules:

The Amendment to 810:15-9-1 was designed to ensure the most experienced and competent physicians participate as independent medical examiners (IMEs) with the Commission. The proposed revision to this rule would remove the requirement that qualified IMEs hold an Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control registration and a federal Drug Enforcement Agency registration.

The Amendment to 810:15-9-5 provides an exception to the set reimbursement rate for IME medical testimony when good cause is shown and deletes an errant comma in a statutory citation.

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 employers, insurance carriers, and third party administrators who are subject to the Administrative Workers' Compensation Act, in addition to individuals who request records from the Workers' Compensation Commission.

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 public records requestors.

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 implement recently enacted statutory directives.

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 4, 2020.