

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT FOR PERMANENT RULES

**TITLE 810. OKLAHOMA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
CHAPTER 1. GENERAL INFORMATION**

A. Brief description of the purpose of the rules:

Pursuant to 85A O.S. §101, the Commission is required to implement an electronic data interchange (EDI) system. The Commission's permanent rules require mandatory EDI implementation on January 1, 2018 and adopt the Release 3 standards of the International Association of Industrial Accident Boards and Commissions (IAIABC). After numerous entities requested a later implementation date and IAIABC announced that new EDI standards would be released in August 2018, the Commission promulgated emergency rules to require mandatory implementation of the Release 3.1 EDI standards on September 1, 2018. The proposed amendments to Chapter 1 are necessary to permanently adopt the emergency rules, which expire on September 14, 2018.

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.

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.

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 employers, insurance carriers, and third-party administrators by extending the period of time during which they may implement and test a new EDI system prior to mandatory EDI implementation. The proposed rules will also benefit the agency by allowing the Commission to adopt the upcoming EDI standards and avoid the costs involved with upgrading to the new standards later this year.

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 17, 2018.