

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT FOR PERMANENT RULES

TITLE 810. OKLAHOMA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION CHAPTER 25. WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE AND SELF INSURANCE

A. Brief description of the purpose of the rules:

The proposed amendments to Subchapters 1 through 7 modify definitions and provisions related to certificates of noncoverage issued under 85A O.S. § 36 and clarify the provisions imposing penalties for failure to comply with the compensation coverage requirements found in 85A O.S. § 38. The proposed revisions to Subchapters 9 and 11 modify the requirements for individual and group self insurance. The proposed revisions to Subchapter 13 change the name of the Commission's Insurance Division to the "Permitting Services Division." The proposed amendments also include nonsubstantive changes to correct unclear language and formatting errors.

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 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 clarifying the application procedures for certificates of noncoverage and simplifying the application procedures for self insurance permits.

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.