TITLE 810. OKLAHOMA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
CHAPTER 20. VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES
RULE IMPACT STATEMENT FOR EMERGENCY RULES

A. Brief description of the purpose of the rules:

Rule 810:20-1-3 addresses procedures for contested vocational rehabilitation cases in the workers' compensation system.

B. Description of classes of persons who will be affected by the proposed rules:

The classes of persons to be affected by the proposed rule are workers' compensation system participants, including employees, employers, and insurance carriers 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 injured employees who receive the vocational rehabilitation services.

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

The agency does not anticipate any economic impact upon affected classes of persons as a result of implementation of the proposed rule.

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

There are no probable costs associated with implementing this new rule.

F. Determination of economic impact on political subdivisions:

The proposed rule will not have an economic impact on political subdivisions or require their cooperation in implementing or enforcing the rule.

G. Determination of adverse economic impact on small business:

The proposed rule 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 rule 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 this rule.

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