

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

RULEMAKING ACTION:

Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking

PROPOSED RULES:

Subchapter 9. Independent Medical Examiners

810:15-9-1 [AMENDED]

810:15-9-2 [AMENDED]

810:15-9-5 [AMENDED]

SUMMARY:

The proposed amendments add an alternative application and qualification method for Independent Medical Examiners (IMEs) associated with university hospitals or health care provider groups, change the location of IME fee reimbursement amounts from the Commission's administrative rules to its Medical Fee Schedule, and correct a legal citation to remove an errant comma.

AUTHORITY:

Workers' Compensation Commission; 85A O.S. §§ 19, 22, 50, 112

COMMENT PERIOD:

Persons may submit data, views, or arguments in writing before 5:00 p.m. on February 21, 2024, to the Oklahoma Workers' Compensation Commission, Attn: General Counsel at 1915 N. Stiles, Oklahoma City, OK 73105, or by email to rules@wcc.ok.gov.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A public hearing to afford a comment period for all interested persons to submit data, views, or arguments, orally will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 22, 2024, in the Commission En Banc Courtroom of the Denver N. Davison Building, 1915 N. Stiles Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Interested parties must sign in at the door.

REQUESTS FOR COMMENTS FROM BUSINESS ENTITIES:

Business entities affected by these proposed rules are requested to provide the agency with information, in dollar amounts if possible, about the increase in the level of direct costs, indirect costs, or other costs expected to be incurred by the business entity due to compliance with the proposed rules. Business entities may submit this information in writing to Lauren Hammonds Johnson at the above address on or before 5:00 p.m. on February 21, 2024.

COPIES OF PROPOSED RULES:

Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained for review by the public from the Workers' Compensation Commission, 1915 N. Stiles, Oklahoma City, OK 73105. Copies of proposed rules may be obtained at a cost of 10 cents per page. The proposed rules will also be available at <http://www.ok.gov/wcc>.

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT:

Pursuant to 75 O.S. § 303(D), a rule impact statement will be prepared and may be obtained from the Workers' Compensation Commission at the above address beginning January 31, 2024.

CONTACT PERSON:

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