

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT FOR 2025 PERMANENT RULES

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

A. Brief description of the purpose of the rules:

The proposed amendments establish that the assessment rate in Section 31 of the AWCA (Administrative Workers' Compensation Act) will be rounded to the nearest hundredth of a percent if it falls below the statutory cap, provide that certain documents will be accepted by the Commission via email, in addition to regular mail, and other amendments are grammar corrections.

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, attorneys, employers, insurance carriers, own-risk employers, 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 workers' compensation system participants, attorneys, employees, employers, own-risk employers, third-party administrators, and 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 the Commission, workers' compensation system participants to provide clarity around assessment rate setting and convenience of electronic submission of certain documents.

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: November 15, 2024.