

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT FOR 2025 PERMANENT RULES

TITLE 810. OKLAHOMA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION CHAPTER 10. PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE

A. Brief description of the purpose of the rules:

The proposed amendments ensure clear and legible copies of forms and documents are sent to the Commission or uploaded into CaseOK, ensures the Commission has the current contact information for designated service agents by asking the designation forms be resubmitted each year, seeks additional contact information from claimants - mailing and email address - to be provided on claim filings to ensure the Commission can provide legal notice, provides that applications for certified mediators can be submitted online via CaseOK, and cleans up grammar and punctuation.

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, workers' compensation mediators, 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 employees, employers, attorneys, workers' compensation mediators, 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 to ensure easier access to clear and accurate digital court file records submitted by parties; up-to-date information for insurance carriers' designated service agents; and the ability for Commission certified mediators to submit applications more efficiently online via CaseOK in addition to regular mail.

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.