RULE IMPACT STATEMENT FOR 2025 PERMANENT RULES

TITLE 810. OKLAHOMA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION CHAPTER 20. VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES

A. Brief description of the purpose of the rules:

The proposed amendments provide that applications for private providers of vocational rehabilitation services can be submitted online via CaseOK, and the amendments also make punctuation correction to the rules.

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 private providers of vocational rehabilitation services

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, private providers of vocational rehabilitation services, 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 faster and more efficient processing of the applications for private providers of vocational rehabilitation services.

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.