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Workers' Compensation Commission

Business Meeting Report October 31, 2014

The following is a summary of the items discussed and actions taken at the SC Workers' Compensation Commission's Business Meeting on October 27, 2014.

Court Reporters Administrative Policies

The Commission adopted Administrative Policies and Procedures for the use of Court Reporter Services. Click <u>here</u> to view.

FY 2015-2016 Budget Request

The Commission approved the Budget Request for FY 2015-16 for submission to the State Budget Office.

Commissioners Annual Ethics Training

The Commissioners and their administrative assistants are required to attend a workshop of at least three continuing education hours concerning ethics and the Administrative Procedures Act (\$42-3-250 (B)). The Commission approved Monday, November 17, 2013 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. as the date and time for the training.

Department of Technology Operation Service Agreement

The Commission took no action and voted to carry the matter over.

Petition to Repeal Regulation 67-801. Settlement of the Claim, General

The Commission reviewed a Petition to Repeal Regulation 67-801 and denied the request on the grounds that Regulation 67-801 is vital to accomplishing the Commissions' statutory duties as set out in § 42-3-390.

Compensation Payments Debit Card Program

The Commission reviewed an overview of InsurCard prepaid cards. The information was provided for information only and possible future consideration by the Commission. At a recent Workers' Compensation Institute's annual meeting in August, representatives from InsurCard requested the Commission consider allowing carriers and employers to make indemnity payments by pre-paid debit card. Commissioners directed staff to schedule a presentation about the InsurCard program at the next business meeting.

Approval of Revisions to Form 31, Notice of Review

The Commission approved a new process that will allow the Form 31 to be issued 60 days prior to the Full Commission hearing date in order to give proper time for filing of all briefs.

Applications for Approval to Self-Insure

The Commission approved applications to self-insure seventeen (17) prospective members of three (3) funds.

Agency Departmental Reports

The Department Directors and Executive Director reviewed their monthly reports submitted to the Commission prior to the meeting.

Click <u>here</u> to access the agenda and materials provided to the Commission prior to the meeting.

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