

**SOUTH CAROLINA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION**  
**CHAPTER 67**

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 42-9-10 and 42-9-30 (21)

**Notice of Drafting:**

The South Carolina Workers' Compensation Commission proposes to draft a new regulation, R 67-1801, to establish a defined mechanism to resolve disputes without the necessity of a hearing. Interested persons may submit written comments to Gary Cannon, Executive Director, South Carolina Workers' Compensation Commission, 1333 Main Street, Post Office Box 1715, Columbia, South Carolina 29202-1715. To be considered, all comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. March 26, 2012, the close of the drafting comment period.

**Synopsis:**

The proposed regulation would not create a mandatory system for mediations but would authorize the Commission to order mediations for certain cases in the workers' compensation system. Cases requiring mediation include admitted cases under Section 42-9-10, 42-9-30 (21), occupational disease cases, third party lien reduction claims, contested death claims, mental/mental injury cases, and cases of concurrent jurisdiction under the South Carolina Workers' Compensation Act and the Federal Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act. Claims involving multiple employees arising out of employment with the same Employer, whether or not compensability has been admitted, shall be subject to a scheduling order and shall be mediated prior to a hearing.

Legislative review of this amendment is required.