

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND
ALASKA WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD**

The Department of Labor and Workforce Development and Alaska Workers' Compensation Board propose to adopt regulation changes in Title 8, Chapter 45 of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with Proceedings before the Alaska Workers' Compensation Board and payment for medical fees and services, including the following:

1. 8 AAC 45.071 is proposed to add a section to establish standards and procedures for a commissioner's designee to hear and decide matters without a panel.
2. 8 AAC 45.074(b) is proposed to be changed to establish standards and procedures for a continuance or cancellation.
3. 8 AAC 45.082(d) is proposed to be changed to clarify procedures for employer payment of medical bills and reimbursement of prescription charges and travel expenses.

You may comment on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes, by submitting written comments to Michael Monagle, Division of Workers' Compensation, P.O. Box 115512, Juneau, AK 99811-5512, or by electronic mail at workerscomp@alaska.gov or by facsimile at 907-465-2797. The comments must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on December 16, 2011.

Oral or written comments also may be submitted at a hearing to be held on December 16, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. and might be extended to accommodate those present before 12:00 p.m. who did not have the opportunity to comment at the following location:

Department of Labor and Workforce Development Building, Anchorage
3301 Eagle Street, Suite 100
Anchorage, Alaska

Oral comments may also be submitted by teleconference at the hearing to be held on December 16, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Alaska time by calling 800-315-6338 and entering access code 4980#.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Michael Monagle at 907-465-2790 no later than December 9, 2011 to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

A copy of the proposed regulation changes may be obtained by writing Michael Monagle, Division of Workers' Compensation, P.O. Box 115512 Juneau, AK 99811-5512, or go to <http://labor.state.ak.us/wc/home.htm>.

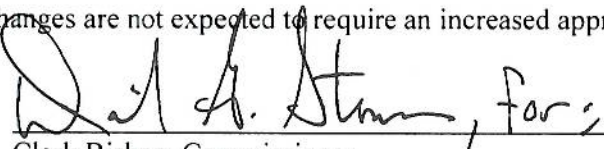
After the public comment period ends, the Alaska Workers' Compensation Board, during a public meeting, and the Department of Labor and Workforce Development will either adopt these or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action on them. The language of the final regulations may be different from that of the proposed regulations. **YOU SHOULD COMMENT DURING THE TIME ALLOWED IF YOUR INTERESTS COULD BE AFFECTED.**

Statutory Authority: AS 23.30.005; AS 23.30.097

Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: AS 23.30.005; AS 23.30.030; AS 23.30.045; AS 23.30.095; AS 23.30.097; AS 23.30.110; AS 23.30.135

Fiscal Information: The proposed regulation changes are not expected to require an increased appropriation.

DATE: 11/14/11



Clark Bishop, Commissioner
Department of Labor and Workforce Development