

Title 14

INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

Subtitle 09 WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

14.09.02 Requirements for Filing and Amending Claims

Authority: Labor and Employment Article, §§9-309, 9-314, 9-402, 9-404, 9-602, 9-701, 9-709—9-711, and 9-736; State Government Article, §10-1103; Annotated Code of Maryland

Notice of Proposed Action

[17-233-P]

The Workers' Compensation Commission proposes to amend Regulation .04 under **COMAR 14.09.02 Requirements for Filing and Amending Claims**. This action was considered at a public meeting held on July 27, 2017, notice of which was given by publication in 44:14 Md. R. 744 (July 7, 2017), pursuant to General Provisions Article, §3-302(c), Annotated Code of Maryland.

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to simplify the electronic filing and acceptance of claims, and to remove the obsolete requirement that service of papers be made by mail.

Comparison to Federal Standards

There is no corresponding federal standard to this proposed action.

Estimate of Economic Impact

The proposed action has no economic impact.

Economic Impact on Small Businesses

The proposed action has minimal or no economic impact on small businesses.

Impact on Individuals with Disabilities

The proposed action has no impact on individuals with disabilities.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Comments may be sent to Amy S. Lackington, Administrator, Workers' Compensation Commission, 10 E. Baltimore Street, Baltimore, MD 21202, or call 410-864-5300, or email to alackington@wcc.state.md.us, or fax to 410-864-5301. Comments will be accepted through January 22, 2018. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

Open Meeting

Final action on the proposal will be considered by the Workers' Compensation Commission during a public meeting to be held on February 8, 2018, at 10 E. Baltimore Street, Baltimore, MD 21202.

.04 Death and Funeral Benefits.

- A. (text unchanged)
- B. Dependent Claim for Death Benefits.
 - (1) (text unchanged)
 - (2) The Commission may reject [and return to the dependent claimant or authorized individual] a claim form that does not contain sufficient information to process the claim including:
 - (a)—(j) (text unchanged)
 - (3)—(6) (text unchanged)
 - (7) The Commission shall reject [and return to the dependent claimant or authorized individual] a dependent death benefits claim form that does not contain a signed authorization for disclosure of health information.
 - (8) — (9) (text unchanged)
- C. Claim for Funeral Benefits Only.
 - (1) (text unchanged)
 - (2) The Commission may reject [and return to the filing party] a funeral benefits only claim form that does not contain sufficient information to process the claim including:
 - (a) — (e) (text unchanged)
 - (3) — (4) (text unchanged)

R. KARL AUMANN
Chairman