

Maryland Workers' Compensation Commission

REGULATORY REVIEW AND EVALUATION

In accordance with State Government Article, §§10-130—10-139, Annotated Code of Maryland, each State agency that adopts regulations must review those regulations every 8 years, unless exempt under §10-132.1. The purpose of the review is to determine whether the regulations are necessary for the public interest, continue to be supported by statutory authority and judicial opinion, or are appropriate for amendment or repeal.

The review is implemented by Executive Order 01.01.2003.20 which also sets the schedule for performing the review. Effective October 1, 2020, the Maryland Workers' Compensation Commission is currently reviewing and evaluating the following chapters under COMAR 14.09:

- 14.09.01 General Administrative
- 14.09.02 Requirements for Filing and Amending Claims
- 14.09.03 Hearing Procedures
- 14.09.04 Legal Representation and Fees
- 14.09.05 Uninsured Employers' Fund Claims
- 14.09.06 Payment of Awards and Assessments and Termination of Benefits
- 14.09.07 Vocational Rehabilitation
- 14.09.08 Guide of Medical and Surgical Fee
- 14.09.09 Guide for Evaluation of Permanent Disability
- 14.09.10 Settlements and Lump Sum Payments
- 14.09.11 Judicial Review Procedures
- 14.09.12 Responsibilities of Insurers
- 14.09.13 Individual Employer Self-Insurer
- 14.09.14 Governmental Group Self-Insurance
- 14.09.15 Open Meetings
- 14.09.16 Public Information Act Requests
- 14.09.17 Emergency Powers of Chairman of the Commissions

Note: Because these chapters were initially adopted or comprehensively amended within the 8 years before the work plan due date of October 1, 2020 – specifically on March 3, 2014 (41:4 Md. R. 303) – the Commission has claimed exemptions from review under State Government Article, §10-132.1(b). Nevertheless, the Commission remains committed to a review to determine whether the regulations are necessary for the public interest, continue to be supported by statutory authority and judicial opinion, or are appropriate for amendment or repeal.

Opportunity for Public Comment

The Maryland Workers' Compensation Commission would like to provide interested parties with an opportunity to participate in the review and evaluation process and is requesting written public comments submitted by mail to Amy Lackington, Maryland Workers' Compensation Commission, 10 E. Baltimore Street, 21202-1641 or by email to alackington@wcc.state.md.us. If submitting comments by email, please attach your comments as a separate text-searchable document in .doc, .docx, or .pdf format. Comments must be received not later than July 1, 2021.