

ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS NOTICE INFORMATION
(AS 44.62.190(d))

1. Adopting agency: Department of Labor and Workforce Development and Alaska Workers' Compensation Board
2. General subject of regulation: Workers' compensation medical fee schedules, electronic records, filing and notice requirements.
3. Citation of regulation: 8 AAC 45.020, 8 AAC 45.032, 8 AAC 45.060, 8 AAC 45.082, 8 AAC 45.083, 8 AAC 45.530, 8 AAC 45.550 and 8 AAC 45.900.
4. Department of Law file number, if known:
5. Reason for the proposed action: Compliance with state statute, Chapter 63, SLA 2014 and Commissioner's Order No. 001, dated April 23, 2015. To reduce the Department's mailing costs and to comport with the Board's transition to an electronic case management system.
6. Appropriation/Allocation: Workers' Compensation – #344.
7. Estimated costs in the aggregate to comply with the proposed action to:

a. Private Persons:

The Department anticipates that complying with the regulations will not increase costs to private persons. The proposed medical fee schedules are anticipated to lower payments made to healthcare providers who treat workers' compensation claimants. If medical costs decrease, it is anticipated that will help reduce workers' compensation insurance premium rates paid by employers.

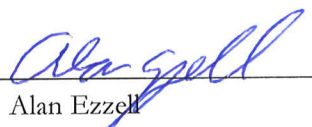
b. Other State Agencies:

The Department anticipates that complying with the regulations will not increase costs to other State agencies. The State of Alaska is self-insured for workers' compensation. Lower workers' compensation medical costs will benefit the State of Alaska as an employer.

c. Municipalities:

The Department anticipates that complying with the regulations will not increase costs to municipalities. As employers, lower workers' compensation medical costs will benefit municipalities.

8. Cost of implementation to the state agency and available funding (in thousands of dollars): No costs are expected in FY 2015 or in subsequent years.
9. The name of the contact person for the regulations:
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10. The origin of the proposed action:
Staff of state agency
11. Date: 9/21/2015

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