

ADDITIONAL REGULATION 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: Fees for medical treatment and services, second independent medical evaluation procedures, the Second Injury Fund, hearing briefs, discovery, and subpoenas
3. Citation of regulation (may be grouped): 8 AAC 45.083, 8 AAC 45.092, 8 AAC 45.186, 8 AAC 45.175, 8 AAC 45.114, and 8 AAC 45.054
4. Department of Law file number, if any: JU2016200978
5. Reason for the proposed action:

Streamline process and increase efficiencies. Compliance with state statute relating to medical fee schedules.
6. Appropriation/Allocation: Workers' Compensation - #344.
7. Estimated annual cost to comply with the proposed action to:

A private person: The Department and the Board anticipate 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.

Another state agency: The Department and the Board anticipate 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.

A municipality: The Department and the Board anticipate 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 2017 or in subsequent years.

9. The name of the contact person for the regulation:

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10. The origin of the proposed action:

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