

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES ON FEES FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT AND
SERVICES IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND THE ALASKA WORKERS' COMPENSATION
BOARD

The Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development and the Alaska Workers' Compensation Board proposes to adopt regulation changes in 8 AAC 45 of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with fees for medical treatment and services, including the following:

- (1) 8 AAC 45.083 is proposed to be amended to update and clarify the medical fee schedule and material adopted by reference for treatment and services provided to injured workers.

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 the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Division of Workers' Compensation at P.O. Box 115512, Juneau, AK 99811-5512. Additionally, the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Division of Workers' Compensation will accept comments by facsimile at (907) 465-2797 and by electronic mail at workerscomp@alaska.gov. Comments may also be submitted through the Alaska Online Public Notice System by accessing this notice on the system and using the comment link. The comments must be received not later than 5:00 p.m. on October 6, 2022.

Oral or written comments also may be submitted at a hearing to be held on October 13, 2022, in-person at 3301 Eagle St., Room 208, Anchorage, Alaska 99503, or virtually at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83453516981>. The hearing will be held from 10:15 to 11:15 and might be extended to accommodate those present before 10:15 who did not have an opportunity to comment.

You may submit written questions relevant to the proposed action to Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Division of Workers' Compensation at P.O. Box 115512, Juneau, AK 99811-5512 or by electronic mail at workerscomp@alaska.gov. The questions must be received at least 10 days before the end of the public comment period. The Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Division of Workers' Compensation will aggregate its response to substantially similar questions and make the questions and responses available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System and the Division of Workers' Compensation's website.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Alexis Hildebrand at (907) 465-6059 or alexis.hildebrand@alaska.gov not later than September 29, 2022, to ensure that any necessary accommodation can be provided.

A copy of the proposed regulation changes are available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System and by contacting Alexis Hildebrand at (907) 465-6059 or alexis.hildebrand@alaska.gov.

A copy of material proposed for adoption by reference may be viewed at the agency's office at

1111 W. 8th St, Juneau, AK, 99811.

After the public comment period ends, the Department of Labor and Workforce Development and the Alaska Workers' Compensation Board will either adopt the proposed regulation changes or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action. The language of the final regulation may be different from that of the proposed regulation. You should comment during the time allowed if your interests could be affected. Written comments received are public records and are subject to public inspection.

Statutory authority: AS 23.30.005; AS 23.30.097; AS 23.30.098;

Statutes being implemented, interpreted, or made specific: AS 23.30.097; AS 23.30.098;

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

Date: 9-2-22



Dr. Tamika L. Ledbetter, Commissioner