

OPEN MEETING
Agenda

Date: Wednesday, August 27, 2014
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: Utah Labor Commission, Utah OSHA Conference Room
Third Floor, Heber Wells Building
160 East 300 South, Salt Lake City

1) Industrial Accident Rules (Ron Dressler)

R612-100-1 Authority

The proposed rule change updates the statutory references from which the rules are enacted.

R612-100-2 Definitions

The proposed rule change updates and clarifies those definitions that remain in use in the workers' compensation program, eliminate redundant or unnecessary definitions, and define additional terms that are in use but have not previously been defined.

R612-100-3 Official Forms

The proposed rule change updates and clarifies the workers' compensation forms and filings that are required by the Industrial Accidents Division.

R612-200 Filing and Paying Claims

The purpose of the repeal and reenactment of R612-200-1, "Reporting and Investigating Injuries," is to eliminate unnecessary or redundant parts of the rule, and to update and clarify the rule's remaining provisions.

The purpose of repeal and reenactment of R612-200-2, "Issuance of Checks," R612-200-3, "Interest," and R612-200-4, "Reporting and Investigating Injuries," is to consolidate into one rule all the regulatory provisions that relate to the mechanics of paying workers' compensation benefits. The amendment eliminates unnecessary or redundant parts of existing rules; the amendment also updates and clarifies the remaining provisions.

The purpose of repeal, reenactment and renumbering of former R612-200-5, "Compensation Agreements," into the new R612-200-3, "Statement of Compensation," is to eliminate the antiquated and misleading references to "compensation agreements" and substitute a requirement that payors use a new form, entitled "Statement of Compensation" to provide claimants with information regarding the computation and amount of their disability or dependents' benefits.

The proposed changes to R612-200-4 and 5 are to re-number the rules to bring them in line with the new number format of the other rules in this section. Also, certain terms are updated (to make them consistent with the rules as a whole) and updates a rule reference.

The proposed change to R612-200-6 is to update the burial benefit amount paid on behalf of a deceased claimant.

R612-300 Medical Providers

The proposed change adjusts definitions and makes certain requirements consistent with current practice.

R612-400-1 Workers Compensation Insurance Coverage

The proposed change conforms the rule to current practice by requiring all insurance carriers to submit the required information through an agent approved by the Division. The amendment also makes other nonsubstantive changes to simplify and clarify the rule.

R612-400-2 Employee Leasing Company Workers' Compensation Policy Endorsements

The proposed change simplifies, updates and clarifies the rules' language and conforms the rule to the Utah Workers' Compensation Act and other Commission rules.

R612-400-3 Self Insurance

The proposed change will simplify, update and clarify the rule's content. It will also set forth the appeal rights that are available to applicants for authorization to self-insure.

R612-400-4 Waivers

The proposed change will clarify and simplify the provisions of the existing rule and eliminate the unnecessary restatement of the prerequisites for coverage waivers, which are already specified by statute.