

Open Meeting
August 27, 2014
9:04 – 9:15 am

Commission Personnel Attending:

Sherrie Hayashi, Commissioner
Jaceson Maughan, Deputy Commissioner
Sara Danielson, Administration
Ron Dressler, Industrial Accidents Division Director
Will Barlow, Utah Labor Commission

Others Attending:

Julie Clark, State Risk Management
Tracey Klausmier, Insurance Department
Brooke Wahlquist, Utah Safety Council
Allison Schreiber, Utah Business Insurance
Jodi Smith, Intermountain Healthcare

Open Meeting Convened:

Commissioner Hayashi convened the meeting at 9:04 am.

Business Items:

R612 Industrial Accident Rules.

Commissioner Hayashi asked Ron Dressler to present the rule changes.

Ron Dressler stated that these changes are the result of a comprehensive rule review. He stated that the majority of the changes are to clarify the rules and make them consistent with current practice.

R612-100-2 Definitions – the changes to this section update and clarify definitions that are in use; 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 changes to this section update and clarify forms and filings that are required by the Division. Some of these changes are necessitated by EDI.

R612-200-1 Reporting and Investigating Injuries - the changes to this section update and clarify the requirements. They also eliminate unnecessary or redundant parts of the rule.

R612-200-2 Payment of Interest etc – this section consolidates the rules relating to payments within the workers compensation system into one place. The change also updates and clarifies and eliminates redundant or unnecessary parts.

R612-200-3 (formerly 612-200-5 – The changes eliminate antiquated and misleading references to compensation agreements and substitutes a requirement that payors use a new form to provide claimants with information regarding the computation and amount of their disability or dependents' benefits.

The sections of the rule have been renumbered.

R612-300 series – the changes are to adjust definitions and make certain requirements consistent with current practices.

R612-400 series – The changes to this series are to bring the rule consistent with current practices.

Section 1 Notification of WC Insurance Coverage – conforms the rule to current practices requiring insurance carriers to submit the required information through an agent approved by the Division.

Section 2 Employee Leasing Company WC Policy Endorsements– eliminates the option for carriers to submit coverage information directly to the Division

Section 3 WC Rules for Self Insurance – simplifies, updates, and clarifies language and conforms the rule to the Utah Workers Compensation Act and other Commission rules. The rule's substantive provisions are reorganized for clarity.

Section 4 Waivers – clarifies, simplifies the provisions of the existing rule and eliminates the unnecessary restatement of the prerequisites for coverage waivers, which are already specified by statute.

No Public Comment.

The Commission will continue with the rule making process. These proposed changes can become effective on October 22, 2014.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:15 a.m.