

SUMMARY OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF THE STATE BOARD OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION

The 2008 Rules, effective July 1, 2008, contain organizational, editorial, and substantive changes. This summary is intended as a convenient reference and does not represent an exhaustive description of all rules changes. For detailed information regarding a change(s) to a particular rule, please refer to the published version of the rule.

Rule 15:

Amended rule to created new subsections (a)(9) & (a)(10) concerning on-line filing and approval of settlements.

Rule 40:

Amended this section to update the Board's Covington and Rome addresses.

Rule 60:

Created section (j) concerning service of documents.

Rule 61:

Amended section (b)(51-54), deleting the requirement that the panel of physicians and bill of rights have to be on pink forms.

Created (b)(57) concerning service of documents.

Created (b)(58) to permit online filings.

Created (b)(59) to ensure the doc-type "misc" is not used for documents requiring action.

Rule 100:

Section (h)(4) was created to give ADR the power to reset or cancel mediations.

Board Rule 102:

Section (A) was amended to prohibit ex parte communications and to address service of documents. In addition, the section was renumbered.

Section (C)(2) was amended to permit on-line filings of leaves of absence.

Section (D)(1)(a) was amended to clarify when the Form WC-102D is to be used. Also, section (D)(1)(b) was created to address motions for reconsideration.

Board Rule 103:

Section (b)(9) was created to clarify procedures regarding motions for reconsideration.

Board Rule 108:

The first paragraph was amended for clarification.

Sections (b)(9) & (b)(10) were created for clarification.

Board Rule 200:

Section (b)(3) was created to clarify the process for motions for reconsideration.

Board Rule 200.1:

Section (b)(3) was amended for objections to be filed within 15 days.

Section (f)(2)(iii) was amended to allow for an appeal to be filed within 20 days.

Board Rule 226:

Section (b) was amended to clarify the submission process.

Sections (e)(1) and (e)(2) were created to clarify objections to requests for guardianships and motions for reconsideration.

Board Rule 240:

Section (b)(1) was amended for clarification.

FORM CHANGES:

The Board has updated the Board's forms in light of our exciting ICMS paperless system. As such, when the new forms are available, please review each of them. They are available on our web site at www.sbcw.georgia.gov. Until approved and published, please continue to use existing forms if you are not yet registered to file online.