

## **SUMMARY OF 2017 AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF THE STATE BOARD OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION**

**The 2017 Rules, effective July 1, 2017, contain organizational, editorial, and substantive changes. This summary of the 2017 amendments to the Rules is intended as a convenient reference and should not be considered an exhaustive description of all rules changes. For detailed information regarding changes to a particular rule, please refer to the published version of the rule.**

### 1. Rule 61 (b) 11 and (b) 42 –Change of Information Forms

Explains the information that can be changed on the Form WC-14a and the WC-Request to Change Information.

### 2. Rule 61(b)—Service of Board Forms

This change emphasizes the importance of serving all forms filed with the Board on all parties to the claim, whether filed in ICMS or in paper; and further specifically points out that notices of filings generated by ICMS do not constitute proper service of forms filed with the Board.

### 3. Rule 102(C)--Hearing Postponements

This rule was amended to provide that a postponed hearing may be scheduled less than 30 days or more than 90 days from the date of the hearing notice if the parties agree. The rule was further amended to provide that if the parties fail to communicate with the Administrative Law Judge whether a scheduled hearing is going forward by 2:00 p.m. on the business day immediately prior to the hearing, the Administrative Law Judge may leave the case on the calendar for a hearing, or postpone and reset the case to a future calendar.

### 4. Rules 203(a) and 205(a)—Addition of Dental Services

Dental services have recently been added to the fee schedule and the CDT code has now been added to the rules in all places in which there are references to the CPT code. Also American Dental Association Form 2012 has been added as the appropriate form to submit for payment of dental treatment that has been provided in a workers' compensation claim.

5. Rule 205 (c)—Delays in authorization of medical treatment in compensable claims

This rule was amended to provide an expedited process to address delays in payment for medical treatment or testing in compensable claims. There is a corresponding new Form WC-PMT.