

SUMMARY OF 2018 AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF THE STATE BOARD OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION

The 2018 Rules, effective July 16, 2018, contain organizational, editorial, and substantive changes. This summary of the 2018 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. Rules 60, 61, 62 and 131-There are administrative changes to these rules to coincide with the rollout of Phase 2 of the Board's Integrated Claims Management System-2 (ICMS-2). The latest phase of ICMS allows direct access to ICMS for viewing claim files and filing of some documents by insurers, self-insurers and claims offices.

2. Rule 61(b)—Service of Board Forms-Reconciliation with Board Rule 102(a)(5)
This rule was changed in 2017 to emphasize the importance of serving forms filed with the Board on all parties to the claim. The 2018 change is to make Rule 61(b) consistent with Rule 102(a)(5) that requires documents to be served by electronic mail, and service by United States Mail should only occur when electronic mail is not available. Notices of filings generated by ICMS do not constitute proper service of forms filed with the Board.

3. Rule 203(c) Peer Review Organizations
Medical Consultants Network (MCN) is added as a peer review organization.

4. Rule 205-MCOs no longer exempt from PMT process--MCO has 30 days to resolve dispute before PMT proceedings may be initiated
When medical treatment is provided by an MCO, the employee or the employee's attorney may initiate WC-PMT proceedings pursuant to Rule 205 if a dispute regarding authorization of medical treatment/testing prescribed by an authorized treating physician is not resolved within 30 days,