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Workers' Compensation Commission Business Meeting Report August 27, 2012

The following is a summary of the items discussed and actions taken at the SC Workers' Compensation Commission's Business Meeting on August 27, 2012.

Medical Services Provider Manual Update

The Commission approved staff recommendation to obtain a legal opinion from the South Carolina Attorney General's Office concerning the statutory changes contained in H 3111 (Act No. 183) and implications on the regulatory requirements provided in R67-1302.

Commission Approves Increase in Informal Conference Cost

The Commission approved an increase in the Informal Conference cost assessment pursuant to R67-804. This regulation authorizes the Commission assigned to the case impose upon the employer's representative or an attorney the actual costs of the Informal Conference for failure to appear. For FY 2013 the new Informal Conference cost assessment is \$389.63, an increase of \$30.51 over the current assessment cost for Informal Conferences approved by the Commission last year.

Commission Approves Increase in Hearing Cost

The Commission approved an increase in the Hearing cost assessment pursuant to R67-614. This regulation authorizes the Commission to issue an order assessing the actual cost of a hearing as established by the Commission if the Commission determines that "...the hearing has been brought, prosecuted, or defended on unreasonable grounds." The new assessment for cases docketed and hearings conducted is \$1,123.49. This is an increase of \$108.63 over the current assessment cost approved by the Commission last year.

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