



PROPOSED RULE MAKING

CR-102 (June 2004)
(Implements RCW 34.05.320)
Do NOT use for expedited rule making

Agency: Department of Labor & Industries

Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR 10-01-169 ; or
Expedited Rule Making--Proposed notice was filed as WSR
; or
Proposal is exempt under RCW 34.05.310(4).

Original Notice
Supplemental Notice to WSR
Continuance of WSR

Title of rule and other identifying information: WAC 296-20-1103 Travel Expense

Hearing location(s): Department of Labor & Industries
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7273 Linderson Way, SW
Tumwater, WA 98501

Date: March 24, 2010 Time: 1:00 PM

Submit written comments to:

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Assistance for persons with disabilities: Contact
Office of Information and Assistance by March 17, 2010
TTY (360) 902-5797 or (360) 902-4941

Date of intended adoption: May 25, 2010
(Note: This is NOT the effective date)

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules: The purpose of this rule change is to update department policy regarding injured workers traveling out of his/her immediate residential area to the nearest point of adequate treatment or other services. The anticipated effects would be to ensure a payment methodology that is reasonable, fair and cost efficient. Also the language allowing reimbursement for worker travel to treatment at department rehabilitation center will be deleted. This will have no effect because the department rehabilitation center no longer exists. Finally, the term attending doctor was updated to attending provider to be consistent with the definition of an attending provider as stated in WAC 296-20-01002.

Reasons supporting proposal: The proposed rule is intended to provide reasonable and fair reimbursement for injured workers traveling out of his/her immediate residential area to the nearest point of adequate treatment or other services. Reimbursement changes are also needed to achieve budget goals for the State Fund Worker's Compensation Program.

Statutory authority for adoption:
RCW 51.04.020, RCW 51.04.030

Statute being implemented:

Is rule necessary because of a:
Federal Law? Yes No
Federal Court Decision? Yes No
State Court Decision? Yes No
If yes, CITATION:

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STATE OF WASHINGTON
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DATE: February 16, 2010
TIME: 11:18 AM

WSR 10-05-097

DATE
February 16, 2010

NAME (type or print)
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Judy Schurke

TITLE
Director

Agency comments or recommendations, if any, as to statutory language, implementation, enforcement, and fiscal matters:

The rule changes supports department goals of ensuring payment methodologies that are reasonable, fair and cost efficient.

Name of proponent: (person or organization) Department of Labor & Industries

- Private
- Public
- Governmental

Name of agency personnel responsible for:

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Has a small business economic impact statement been prepared under chapter 19.85 RCW?

Yes. Attach copy of small business economic impact statement.

A copy of the statement may be obtained by contacting:

Name:

Address:

phone () _____
fax () _____
e-mail _____

No. Explain why no statement was prepared.

There is no disproportionate cost to small business.

Is a cost-benefit analysis required under RCW 34.05.328?

Yes A preliminary cost-benefit analysis may be obtained by contacting:

Name:

Address:

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No: Please explain: There is no more than minimal cost to business.