

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES RELATING TO MATERIAL ADOPTED BY
REFERENCE AND THE DEFINITION OF REHABILITATION SPECIALIST IN THE
REGULATIONS OF THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT AND THE ALASKA WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

The Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development and the Alaska Workers' Compensation Board propose to change regulations relating to material adopted by reference and the definition of rehabilitation specialist.

The Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development and the Alaska Workers' Compensation Board propose to adopt regulation changes in Title 8 of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with material adopted by reference and the definition of rehabilitation specialist, including the following:

- (1) 8 AAC 45.083 is proposed to be amended as follows: Update fee schedule material adopted by reference.
- (2) 8 AAC 45.415 is proposed to be changed as follows: Clarify definition of rehabilitation specialist.

You may comment on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes, by submitting written comments to the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Division of Workers' Compensation at P.O. Box 115512, Juneau, AK 99811-5512. Additionally, the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Division of Workers' Compensation will accept comments by facsimile at (907) 465-2797 and by electronic mail at workerscompregs@alaska.gov. Comments may also be submitted through the Alaska Online Public Notice System, by accessing this notice on the system and using the comment link. The comments must be received not later than 5:00 p.m. on October 1, 2019.

Oral comments may be submitted at a hearing to be held on October 3, 2019, in Room 208, 3301 Eagle St., Anchorage, Alaska 99503. Public comment will be heard from 10:15am to 11:15am, and might be extended to accommodate those present before 10:15am who did not have an opportunity to comment.

You may submit written questions relevant to the proposed action to the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Division of Workers' Compensation at P.O. Box 115512, Juneau, AK 99811-5512 or by electronic mail at workerscompregs@alaska.gov. The questions must be received at least 10 days before the end of the public comment period. The Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Division of Workers' Compensation will aggregate its response to substantially similar questions and make the questions and responses available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System and the Division of Workers' Compensation's website.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in

this process, please contact Alexis Newman at (907) 465-6059 or alexis.newman@alaska.gov not later than September 20, 2019 to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

A copy of the proposed regulation changes and the material proposed for adoption by reference is available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System and by contacting Alexis Newman at (907) 465-6059 or alexis.newman@alaska.gov.

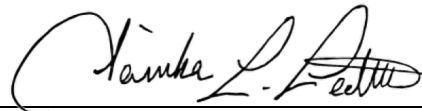
After the public comment period ends, the Department of Labor and Workforce Development and the Workers' Compensation Board will either adopt the proposed regulation changes or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action. The language of the final regulation may be different from that of the proposed regulation. You should comment during the time allowed if your interests could be affected.

Statutory authority: AS 23.30.005; AS 23.30.041; AS 23.30.097; AS 23.30.098;

Statutes being implemented, interpreted, or made specific: AS 23.30.097; AS 23.30.098; AS 23.30.041

Fiscal information: The proposed regulation changes are not expected to require an increased appropriation.

Date: 08/30/2019



Dr. Tamika L. Ledbetter, Commissioner
Department of Labor and Workforce Development