

**BEFORE THE DIRECTOR OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS SERVICES
OF THE STATE OF OREGON**

PUBLIC RULEMAKING HEARING

In the Matter of the Amendment of OAR:)	TRANSCRIPT OF TESTIMONY
436-010, Medical Services)	
436-030, Claim Closure and Reconsideration)	
436-035, Disability Rating Standards)	

The proposed amendment to the rules was announced in the Secretary of State’s Oregon Bulletin dated July 1, 2017. On July 25, 2017, a public rulemaking hearing was held as announced at 9 a.m. in Room F of the Labor and Industries Building, 350 Winter Street NE, Salem, Oregon. Fred Bruyns, from the Workers’ Compensation Division, acted as hearing officer. The record will be held open for written comment through July 31, 2017.

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No testimony given

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

Hearing officer:

Good morning and welcome. This is a public rulemaking hearing. My name is Fred Bruyns, and I’ll be the presiding officer for the hearing. The time is 9 a.m. on Tuesday, July 25, 2017. We are in Room F of the Labor & Industries Building, 350 Winter St. NE, in Salem, Oregon. We are making an audio recording of today’s hearing.

With me this morning is Julia Hier, a policy analyst with the Workers’ Compensation Division.

If you wish to present oral testimony today, please sign in on the “Testimony Sign-In Sheet” (on the table by the entrance). If you plan to testify over the telephone, I will sign in for you.

The Department of Consumer & Business Services, Workers’ Compensation Division proposes to amend chapter 436 of the Oregon Administrative Rules, specifically division 10, Medical Services, division 30, Claim Closure and Reconsideration, division 35, Disability Rating Standards.

The department has summarized the proposed rule changes in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Hearing. This hearing notice, a Statement of Need and Fiscal Impact, and proposed rules with marked changes, are on the table by the entrance.

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The Workers' Compensation Division: filed the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Hearing and Statement of Need and Fiscal Impact with the Oregon Secretary of State on June 15, 2017; mailed the Notice and Statement to its postal and electronic mailing lists; notified Oregon legislators as required by ORS chapter 183; and posted public notice and the proposed rules to its website.

The Oregon Secretary of State published the hearing notice in its Oregon Bulletin dated July 1, 2017.

This hearing gives the public the opportunity to provide comment about the proposed rules. In addition, the division will accept written comment through and including July 31, 2017, and will make no decisions until all of the testimony is considered.

We are ready to receive testimony. If you are reading from written testimony and give the agency a copy of that testimony, we will add it to the rulemaking record.

Would someone be so kind as to bring me, or let me know if anyone has signed in on the sign-in sheet in the back? No one. Okay, would anyone here like to testify this morning? Anyone on the telephone like to testify? Hearing no one, it's our policy to leave hearings open, or I should say, I'm going to recess but I'm going to be here for a half an hour, and we'll resume the hearing if need be.

But, just a reminder that we'll take, we will accept testimony in any written form, whether hard copy or electronic. I encourage you to submit your testimony by email or as attachments to email. However, you are also welcome to use fax, USPS mail, courier, or you may hand deliver testimony to Workers' Compensation Division Central Reception on the second floor of this building. On the table by the entrance are business cards that include my contact information, and I will acknowledge all testimony received.

This hearing is recessed at 9:03 a.m.

Okay, this hearing is resumed at 9:30.

Is there anyone else who would like to testify, either here in person or on the telephone? Hearing no one, we'll go ahead and adjourn the hearing, but again, you may submit testimony in any written form, whether electronic or on paper. My business cards are at the back of the room. I would encourage you to testify if you like, and this hearing is adjourned. Thank you for coming.

Transcribed from a digital audio recording by Fred Bruyns, July 26, 2017.