

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: • 436-009, Oregon Medical Fee and Payment Rules • 436-010, Medical Services\ • 436-015, Managed Care Organizations • 436-030, Claim Closure and Reconsideration • 436-035, Disability Rating Standards • 436-060, Claims Administration	))))	TRANSCRIPT OF TESTIMONY
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The proposed amendment to the rules was announced in the Secretary of State’s Oregon Bulletin dated July 1, 2026. On July 23, 2026, a virtual public rulemaking hearing was held as announced via video and teleconference. Barb Belcher, from the Workers’ Compensation Division, was the hearing officer. The record will be held open for written comment through July 30, 2026.

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Barb Belcher, Workers’ Compensation Division (WCD):

Good morning and welcome. Thank you for joining us. This is a virtual public rulemaking hearing.

My name is Barb Belcher, and I’ll be the presiding officer for the hearing.

The time is now 11:01 a.m. on Thursday, July 23, 2026. We are conducting this hearing virtually, by video and telephone. We are making an audio recording of the hearing.

The Workers’ Compensation Division of the Department of Consumer and Business Services proposes to amend chapter 436 of the Oregon Administrative Rules, specifically:

- Division 009, Oregon Medical Fee and Payment Rules

- Division 010, Medical Services
- Division 015, Managed Care Organizations
- Division 030, Claim Closure and Reconsideration
- Division 035, Disability Rating Standards
- Division 060, Claims Administration

The department has:

- Summarized the proposed rule changes and prepared an estimate of fiscal and economic impacts in the notice of proposed rulemaking filed with the Oregon Secretary of State;
- Published rulemaking notice 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, 2026.

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 30, and will make no decisions until all of the testimony is considered.

We are ready to receive public testimony.

Is there anyone who would like to testify at this time?

Hearing no one, I will recess the hearing, but we'll resume for additional testimony if anyone wishes to testify before 11:30 a.m.

The hearing was recessed at 11:04 a.m.

The hearing resumed at 11:20 a.m.

Is there anyone who would like to testify at this time?

Hearing no one, I will recess the hearing, but we will resume one more time for testimony if anyone wishes to testify before 11:30 a.m.

The hearing was recessed at 11:21 a.m.

This hearing resumed at 11:28 a.m.

Is there anyone who would like to testify at this time?

Thank you all for joining us. This record remains open for written testimony through and including July 30. You may submit testimony in any written form. I encourage you to submit your testimony by email or as attachments to email to wcd.policy@dcbs.oregon.gov. However, you may also use US mail. We will acknowledge all testimony received.

This hearing is recessed at 11:29 a.m.

Transcribed from a digital audio recording by Barb Belcher, July 23, 2026.