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Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 1:15 PM
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Subject: RE: [EXT] FW: Agenda for rulemaking committee meeting on Jan. 26 regarding attorney fees

Fred, Andrew from our office was not able to join today but wanted to pass along his thoughts:

Concern/reaction to the “awarded” language is that the ARU/Order on Reconsideration does not “award” temporary disability, it merely identifies dates of authorization and it is then up to the insurer to determine what is “due and payable.” In the instance of a rescinded closure, future/prospective amounts (substantive or procedural) would become “due and payable” as a result of the Order on Reconsideration, but they would not, and could not, be “awarded” by the Order because the ARU could not even contemplate what those future amounts might be. Given the ARU’s limitations in this, “due and payable” seems like the appropriate language.

Also, I continue to think that an assessed fee based on an agreed-upon multiplier of the worker’s weekly disability rate is the most appropriate basis for the instance of a closure being rescinded and causing TL to again be due and payable (since the rule’s proposed matrix would not fit that circumstance). It would be easily calculable, comparably reflect the benefit provided the worker, and it would provide an identifiable floor/ceiling.



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Good afternoon everyone,

We have posted an agenda for a virtual rulemaking advisory committee meeting scheduled for Jan. 26, 2022, 9:30 a.m. The agenda is also attached to this message.

Link to agenda: <https://wcd.oregon.gov/laws/Documents/rule-meetings/2022/001-2022-01-26/SRAC-agenda-2022-01-26.pdf>.

Many of you confirmed that you will attend, or you participated in a preliminary meeting on Oct. 8. All are welcome, and if you cannot join us (or even if you can), feel free to forward this invitation to others who have an interest in attorney fees under OAR 436-001.

Join ZoomGov Meeting:

<https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1601337156?pwd=VEg2MVREdFZkcjRyYb1paZmNpcGZ3Zz09>

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Let me know if you have questions. We look forward to talking with you next week!

Sincerely,

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