Dear Senators ANDREASON, Coiner & Malepeai, and Representatives SCHAEFER, Marriott & Ringo:

The Legislative Services Office, Research and Legislation, has received the enclosed rules of the Industrial Commission:

- IDAPA 17.02.03 Administrative Rules of the Industrial Commission Under the Workers'
 Compensation Law Security For Compensation Docket No. 17-0203-1001;
- 2. IDAPA 17.02.08 Miscellaneous Provisions Docket No. 17-0208-1001;
- 3. IDAPA 17.02.08 Miscellaneous Provisions Docket No. 17-0208-1002;
- 4. IDAPA 17.02.09 Medical Fees Docket No. 17-0209-1001;
- IDAPA 17.02.10 Administrative Rules of the Industrial Commission Under the Workers'
 Compensation Law Security For Compensation Insurance Carriers Docket No. 17-0210-1001;
- IDAPA 17.02.11 Administrative Rules of the Industrial Commission Under the Workers'
 Compensation Law Security For Compensation Self-Insured Employers Docket No. 17-0211-1001.

Pursuant to Section 67-454, Idaho Code, a meeting on the enclosed rules may be called by the co-chairmen or by two (2) or more members of the subcommittee giving oral or written notice to Research and Legislation no later than fourteen (14) days after receipt of the rules' analysis from Legislative Services. The final date to call a meeting on the enclosed rules is no later than 10-25-10. If a meeting is called, the subcommittee must hold the meeting within forty-two (42) days of receipt of the rules' analysis from Legislative Services. The final date to hold a meeting on the enclosed rules is 11-23-10.

The germane joint subcommittee may request a statement of economic impact with respect to a proposed rule by notifying Research and Legislation. There is no time limit on requesting this statement, and it may be requested whether or not a meeting on the proposed rule is called or after a meeting has been held.

To notify Research and Legislation, call 334-4845, or send a written request to the address or FAX number indicated on the memorandum attached.



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MEMORANDUM

TO:

Rules Review Subcommittee of the Senate Commerce & Human Resources

Committee and the House Human Resources Committee

FROM:

Katharine Gerrity, Principal Legislative Research Analyst KAG

DATE:

October 5, 2010

SUBJECT:

Industrial Commission

1. IDAPA 17.02.03 – Administrative Rules of the Industrial Commission Under the Workers' Compensation Law – Security For Compensation - Docket No. 17-0203-1001

- 2. IDAPA 17.02.08 Miscellaneous Provisions Docket No. 17-0208-1001
- 3. IDAPA 17.02.08 Miscellaneous Provisions Docket No. 17-0208-1002
- 4. IDAPA 17.02.09 Medical Fees Docket No. 17-0209-1001
- 5. IDAPA 17.02.10 Administrative Rules of the Industrial Commission Under the Workers' Compensation Law Security For Compensation Insurance Carriers Docket No. 17-0210-1001
- 6. IDAPA 17.02.11 Administrative Rules of the Industrial Commission Under the Workers' Compensation Law Security For Compensation Self-Insured Employers Docket No. 17-0211-1001

1. IDAPA 17.02.03 – Administrative Rules of the Industrial Commission Under the Workers' Compensation Law – Security For Compensation

The Industrial Commission submits notice of proposed rule at IDAPA 17.02.03 – Administrative Rules of the Industrial Commission Under the Workers' Compensation Law – Security For Compensation. This is a chapter repeal. According to the Commission, the rule is being repealed and two new chapters are being adopted to clarify the rules for insurance carriers

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Mike Nugent, Manager Research & Legislation Cathy Holland-Smith, Manager Budget & Policy Analysis Don H. Berg, Manager Legislative Audits Glenn Harris, Manager Information Technology (17.02.10) and self-insured employers (72.02.11). (See paragraphs 5 and 6 of this memo). The Commission notes that negotiated rulemaking was not conducted because a subcommittee of the Commission's Advisory Committee, including insurance carrier representatives and self-insured employers, has been providing input to the Industrial Commission on the drafting of the rule revisions.

The rule appears to be authorized pursuant to Sections 72-508, 72-520, 72-721, 72-722 and 72-723, Idaho Code.

2. IDAPA 17.02.08 - Miscellaneous Provisions

The Industrial Commission submits notice of proposed rule at IDAPA 17.02.08 – Miscellaneous Provisions. This is a chapter repeal. According to the Commission, the rule is being repealed and rewritten and separated into two chapters with one new chapter (17.02.09) dealing with medical fees. The Commission states that this chapter (17.02.08) is being rewritten and contains the balance of the rule without substantive change. Negotiated rulemaking was not conducted. The Commission, however, states that the data was submitted to several affected parties, such as hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers, for comment and that those comments were included in the final analysis that resulted in the rule.

The rule appears to be authorized pursuant to Sections 72-508, 72-720, 72-721, 72-722, 72-723, and 72-803, Idaho Code.

3. IDAPA 17.02.08 – Miscellaneous Provisions

The Industrial Commission submits notice of proposed rule at IDAPA 17.02.08 – Miscellaneous Provisions. This is a chapter rewrite (see paragraph two above). According to the Commission, the rule is being rewritten because the medical fee provisions that were previously in this rule are being separated out into a new chapter 17.02.09. The Commission states that this rewritten chapter contains the balance of the original rule without substantive change. Negotiated rulemaking was not conducted. The Commission, however, states that the data was submitted to several affected parties, such as hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers, for comment and that those comments were included in the final analysis that resulted in the rule.

The rule appears to be authorized pursuant to Sections 72-508, 72-720, 72-721, 72-722, 72-723, and 72-803, Idaho Code.

4. IDAPA 17.02.09 – Medical Fees

The Industrial Commission submits notice of proposed rule at IDAPA 17.02.09 – Medical Fees. This is a new chapter. According to the Commission, this rule adjusts conversion factors used to calculate physician fees in workers' compensation cases to reflect changes in current market conditions, pricing and other factors. The Commission states that this new chapter also provides a new workers' compensation fee schedule for hospitals and ambulatory

surgery centers. We contacted the Commission to get some additional information regarding this new fee schedule for hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers. Commission personnel indicate that the new provisions are a variation of the payment method that Medicare uses so there is some familiarity with the process and that it provides more predictability for all parties.

Negotiated rulemaking was not conducted but the Commission states that the data was submitted to several affected parties, such as hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers, for comment and that those comments were included in the final analysis that resulted in the rule.

The rule appears to be authorized pursuant to Sections 72-508, 72-720, 72-721, 72-722, 72-723, and 72-803, Idaho Code.

<u>5. IDAPA 17.02.10 – Administrative Rules of the Industrial Commission Under the</u> Workers' Compensation Law – Security For Compensation – Insurance Carriers

The Industrial Commission submits notice of proposed rule at IDAPA 17.02.10 – Administrative Rules of the Industrial Commission Under the Workers' Compensation Law – Security For Compensation – Insurance Carriers. This is a new chapter. According to the Commission, IDAPA 17.02.03 (Security For Compensation) is being repealed and split into two new chapters – one for Insurance carriers (this rule) and one for self-insured employers (IDAPA 17.02.11). The Commission states that this action will clarify each entity's rules. The Commission also states that this rule, governing insurance carriers, clarifies terms and implements more comprehensive reporting requirements.

The Commission notes that negotiated rulemaking was not conducted because a subcommittee of the Commission's Advisory Committee, including insurance carrier representatives and self-insured employers, has been providing input to the Industrial Commission on the drafting of the rule revisions.

The rule appears to be authorized pursuant to Sections 72-508, 72-520, 72-721, 72-722 and 72-723, Idaho Code.

6. IDAPA 17.02.11 – Administrative Rules of the Industrial Commission Under the Workers' Compensation Law – Security For Compensation – Self-Insured Employers

The Industrial Commission submits notice of proposed rule at IDAPA 17.02.11 – Administrative Rules of the Industrial Commission Under the Workers' Compensation Law – Security For Compensation – Self-Insured Employers. This is a new chapter and is a fee rule. According to the Commission, IDAPA 17.02.03 (Security For Compensation) is being repealed and split into two new chapters – one for Insurance carriers (IDAPA 17.02.10 – see paragraph 5 of this memo) and one for self-insured employers (this rule). The Commission states that this action will clarify each entity's rules. The Commission also states that this rule, governing self-insured employers, clarifies terms, provides a more detailed application process and outlines continuing reporting and security deposit requirements necessary to maintain self-insured status.

The Commission states that the fiscal impact to the industrial administration fund under this proposal is nominal due to the implementation of a \$250 application fee for self-insured employers. The Commission also states that self-insured applications average only 2-3 per year.

The Commission notes that negotiated rulemaking was not conducted because a subcommittee of the Commission's Advisory Committee, including insurance carrier representatives and self-insured employers, has been providing input to the Industrial Commission on the drafting of the rule revisions.

The rule appears to be authorized pursuant to Sections 72-508, 72-520, 72-721, 72-722 and 72-723, Idaho Code.

cc: Industrial Commission
Mindy Montgomery, Director
Jane McClaran
Patti Vaughn

17.02.03 - ADMINISTRATIVE RULES OF THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW - SECURITY FOR COMPENSATION

DOCKET NO. 17-0203-1001 (CHAPTER REPEAL)

NOTICE OF RULEMAKING - PROPOSED RULE

AUTHORITY: In compliance with Section 67-5221(1), Idaho Code, notice is hereby given that this agency has initiated proposed rulemaking procedures. The action is authorized pursuant to Sections 72-508, 72-520, 72-721, 72-722, and 72-723, Idaho Code.

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE: Public hearing(s) concerning this rulemaking will be scheduled if requested in writing by twenty-five (25) persons, a political subdivision, or an agency, not later than October 20, 2010.

The hearing site(s) will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Requests for accommodation must be made not later than five (5) days prior to the hearing, to the agency address below.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: The following is a nontechnical explanation of the substance and purpose of the proposed rulemaking:

The current chapter, IDAPA 17.02.03 (Security for Compensation), is being repealed in its entirety and two new chapters are being adopted to clarify each entity's rules. The new chapter, IDAPA 17.02.10 (Insurance Carriers), adopts rules governing insurance carriers that clarify terms and implements more comprehensive reporting requirements. The new chapter, IDAPA 17.02.11 (Self-Insured Employers), adopts rules governing self insured employers that clarify terms, provide a more detailed application process and outline continuing reporting and security deposit requirements necessary to maintain self insured status.

FEE SUMMARY: The following is a specific description of the fee or charge imposed or increased: N/A

FISCAL IMPACT: The following is a specific description, if applicable, of any negative fiscal impact on the state general fund greater than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) during the fiscal year resulting from this rulemaking: N/A

NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING: Pursuant to Section 67-5220(2), Idaho Code, negotiated rulemaking was not conducted because a subcommittee of the Commission's Advisory Committee, including insurance carrier representatives and self-insured employers, has been providing input to the Industrial Commission on the drafting of these rule revisions.

INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE: Pursuant to Section 67-5229(2)(a), Idaho Code, the following is a brief synopsis of why the materials cited are being incorporated by reference into this rule: N/A

ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS: For assistance on technical questions concerning the proposed rule, contact Jane McClaran, 334-6042.

Anyone may submit written comments regarding this proposed rulemaking. All written comments must be directed to the undersigned and must be delivered on or before October 27, 2010.

DATED this September 1, 2010.

Mindy Montgomery, Director Industrial Commission 700 S. Clearwater Lane P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0041

Phone: 208-334-6000 / Fax: 208-334-5145

IDAPA 17.02.03 IS BEING REPEALED IN ITS ENTIRETY

17.02.08 - MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

DOCKET NO. 17-0208-1001 (CHAPTER REPEAL)

NOTICE OF RULEMAKING - PROPOSED RULEMAKING

AUTHORITY: In compliance with Section 67-5221(1), Idaho Code, notice is hereby given that this agency has initiated proposed rulemaking procedures. The action is authorized pursuant to Section(s) 72-508, 72-720, 72-721, 72-722, 72-723, and 72-803 Idaho Code.

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE: Public hearing(s) concerning this rulemaking will be held as follows:

October 7, 2010	OCTOBER 12, 2010	OCTOBER 19, 2010
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p. m.	4:00 - 6:00 p. m	2:00 - 5:00 p. m.
Shilo Inn	Holiday Inn Express	Industrial Commission
702 W. Appleway	2270 Channing Way	700 South Clearwater Lane
Coeur d'Alene, ID	Idaho Falls, ID	Boise, ID

The hearing site(s) will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Requests for accommodation must be made not later than five (5) days prior to the hearing, to the agency address below.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: The following is a nontechnical explanation of the substance and purpose of the proposed rulemaking: IDAPA 17.02.08 is being repealed and rewritten and separated into 2 chapters. A new chapter, IDAPA 17.02.09, Medical Fees, moves the conversion factors into a separate chapter for clarity. This new chapter adjusts conversion factors used to calculate physician fees in workers' compensation cases to reflect changes in current market conditions, pricing and other factors. IDAPA 17.02.08 contains the balance of the rule without substantive change and is being published in this Bulletin under Docket No. 17-0208-1002.

FEE SUMMARY: The following is a specific description of the fee or charge imposed or increased: N/A

FISCAL IMPACT: The following is a specific description, if applicable, of any negative fiscal impact on the state general fund greater than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) during the fiscal year as a result of this rulemaking: N/A

NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING: Although negotiated rulemaking was not done, the data was submitted to several affected parties (hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers) for analyzation and comment. Those comments were included in the final analysis that resulted in the proposed rule.

INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE: Pursuant to Section 67-5229(2)(a), Idaho Code, the following is a brief synopsis of why the materials cited are being incorporated by reference into this rule: N/A

ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS: For assistance on technical questions concerning the proposed rule, contact Patti Vaughn, Medical Fee Schedule Analyst, 208-334-

Anyone may submit written comments regarding this proposed rulemaking. All written comments must be directed to the undersigned and must be delivered on or before October 27, 2010.

DATED this 26th day of August, 2010.

Mindy Montgomery, Director **Industrial Commission** P.O. Box 83720

700 S. Clearwater Lane, Boise, Idaho 83720-0041

Phone: (208) 334-6000 Fax: (208) 334-2321

17.02.08 - MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

DOCKET NO. 17-0208-1002 (CHAPTER REWRITE)

NOTICE OF RULEMAKING - PROPOSED RULEMAKING

AUTHORITY: In compliance with Section 67-5221(1), Idaho Code, notice is hereby given that this agency has initiated proposed rulemaking procedures. The action is authorized pursuant to Section(s) 72-508, 72-720, 72-721, 72-722, 72-723, and 72-803 Idaho Code.

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE: Public hearing(s) concerning this rulemaking will be held as follows:

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The hearing site(s) will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Requests for accommodation must be made not later than five (5) days prior to the hearing, to the agency address below.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: The following is a nontechnical explanation of the substance and purpose of the proposed rulemaking:

The new IDAPA 17.02.09, Medical Fees, which is being published in this Bulletin, adjusts conversion factors used to calculate physician fees in workers' compensation cases to reflect changes in current market conditions, pricing and other factors. IDAPA 17.02.09 also provides a new workers' compensation fee schedule for hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers. Since these adjustments may occur annually, they were split from IDAPA 17.02.08, Miscellaneous Provisions, which is being rewritten in this docket with the balance of the former IDAPA 17.02.08 without substantive changes.

FEE SUMMARY: The following is a specific description of the fee or charge imposed or increased: N/A

FISCAL IMPACT: The following is a specific description, if applicable, of any negative fiscal impact on the state general fund greater than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) during the fiscal year as a result of this rulemaking: N/A

NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING: Although negotiated rulemaking was not done, the data was submitted to several affected parties (hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers) for analyzation and comment. Those comments were included in the final analysis that resulted in the proposed rule.

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ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS: For assistance on technical questions concerning the proposed rule, contact Patti Vaughn, Medical Fee Schedule Analyst, 208-334-6000.

Anyone may submit written comments regarding this proposed rulemaking. All written comments must be directed to the undersigned and must be delivered on or before October 27, 2010.

DATED this 26th day of August, 2010.

INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION Miscellaneous Provisions

Docket No. 17-0208-1002 Proposed Rulemaking

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THE FOLLOWING IS THE PROPOSED TEXT OF DOCKET NO. 17-0208-1002

IDAPA 17 TITLE 02 CHAPTER 08

17.02.08 - MISCELLANEOUS PROVISION

17.02.00 - MISCELLANEOUS FROVISION		
000. LEGAL AUTHORITY. These rules are adopted and promulgated by the Industrial Commission pursuant to the provision of Section Idaho Code.	72-50)8,
001. TITLE AND SCOPE. These rules shall be cited as IDAPA 17.02.08, "Miscellaneous Provisions."	()
002. WRITTEN INTERPRETATIONS. No written interpretations of these rules exist.	()
O03. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS. There is no administrative appeal from decisions of the Industrial Commission in workers' compensation mathe Commission is exempted from contested-cases provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act.	atters,	as)
004. INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE. No documents have been incorporated by reference into these rules.	()
005. OFFICE OFFICE HOURS MAILING ADDRESS AND STREET ADDRESS. This office is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., except Saturday, Sunday, and legal holidays. The departure address is: P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0041. The principal place of business is 700 S. Claure, Boise, ID 83712.		
OUGLIC RECORDS ACT COMPLIANCE. Any records associated with these rules are subject to the provisions of the Idaho Public Records Act Title 9, 3, and Title 41, Idaho Code.	Chap	ter)
007 032. (RESERVED).		
033. RULE GOVERNING APPROVAL OF ATTORNEY FEES IN WORKERS' COMPENS CASES.	ATIC	N
01. Authority and Definitions . Pursuant to Sections 72-404, 72-508, 72-707, 72-735 and Idaho Code, the Commission promulgates this rule to govern the approval of attorney fees.	72-80)3,
a. "Available funds" means a sum of money to which a charging lien may attach. It shall not any compensation paid or not disputed to be owed prior to claimant's agreement to retain the attorney.	inclu	de)

		"Approval by Commission" means the Commission has approved the attorney fees in conjugation or a lump sum settlement or otherwise in accordance with this rule upon a ttorney seeking to have the fees approved.	
Compe	c. nsation la	"Charging lien" means a lien, against a claimant's right to any compensation under the Wws, which may be asserted by an attorney who is able to demonstrate that:	orkers'
	i.	There are compensation benefits available for distribution on equitable principles;	()
attorne	ii. y seeks to	The services of the attorney operated primarily or substantially to secure the fund out of who be paid;	nich the
client;	iii.	It was agreed that counsel anticipated payment from compensation funds rather than fr	om the
fund wa	iv. as raised;	The claim is limited to costs, fees, or other disbursements incurred in the case through whand	nich the
lien.	v.	There are equitable considerations that necessitate the recognition and application of the cl	harging ()
counsel	d. , in confo	"Fee agreement" means a written document evidencing an agreement between a claimarmity with Rule 1.5, Idaho Rules of Professional Conduct (IRPC).	ant and
satisfie	e. d from ava	"Reasonable" means that an attorney's fees are consistent with the fee agreement and are allable funds, subject to the element of reasonableness contained in IRPC 1.5.	re to be
funds sl	i. hall be pre	In a case in which no hearing on the merits has been held, twenty-five percent (25%) of avesumed reasonable; or	vailable ()
Practice or	ii. e and Proc	In a case in which a hearing has been held and briefs submitted (or waived) under Judicial Redure (JRP), Rules X and XI, thirty percent (30%) of available funds shall be presumed reas	
such dis	iii. sability co	In any case in which compensation is paid for total permanent disability, fifteen percent (1 ompensation after ten (10) years from date such total permanent disability payments commen	
	02.	Statement of Charging Lien.	()
	a.	All requests for approval of fees shall be deemed requests for approval of a charging lien.	()
		An attorney representing a claimant in a Workers' Compensation matter shall in any propose or upon request of the Commission, file with the Commission, and serve the claimant with a ct, and an affidavit or memorandum containing:	
	i.	The date upon which the attorney became involved in the matter;	()
	ii.	Any issues which were undisputed at the time the attorney became involved;	()
to the a	iii. ttorney's i	The total dollar value of all compensation paid or admitted as owed by employer immediate involvement;	ly prior
	iv.	Disputed issues that arose subsequent to the date the attorney was hired;	()

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V.	Counsel's itemization of compensation that constitutes available fund	s; ()
vi.	Counsel's itemization of costs and calculation of fees; and	()
vii. which remain u treatment to be	Counsel's itemization of medical bills for which claim was made in paid by employer/surety at the time of lump sum settlement, along with given such bills/claims following approval of the lump sum settlement.	
viii. element of the o	The statement of the attorney identifying with reasonable detail harging lien.	is or her fulfillment of each
c. its staff, the Con	Upon receipt and a determination of compliance with this Rule by the mmission may issue an Order Approving Fees without a hearing.	e Commission by reference to
03.	Procedure if Fees Are Determined Not to Be Reasonable.	()
determination, v	Upon receipt of the affidavit or memorandum, the Commission will mableness of the fee. The Commission staff will notify counsel in which shall state the reasons for the determination that the requested fee ion required by Subsection 033.02 may constitute grounds for an information reasonable.	riting of the staff's informal e is not reasonable. Omission
argument on the	If counsel disagrees with the Commission staff's informal determination, as the date of the determination, a Request for Hearing for the purpose matter. Upon receipt of the Request for Hearing, the Commission short for Hearing shall be treated as a motion under Rule III(e), JRP.	se of presenting evidence and
c. to the requested to be reasonable	The Commission shall order an employer to release any available fur charging lien and may order payment of fees subject to the charging lien.	
entitlement to	The proponent of a fee which is greater than the percentage of re.01.e.ii., or 033.01.e.iii. shall have the burden of establishing by cle he greater fee. The attorney shall always bear the burden of proving her assertion of a charging lien and reasonableness of his or her fee.	ear and convincing evidence
receipt of the d signed disclosur long as it contain	Disclosure . Upon retention, the attorney shall provide to claimant a cottaken from a claimant by an attorney on a contingency fee basis unless is closure by signing it. Upon request by the Commission, an attorney the statement to the Commission. The terms of the disclosure may be contains the text of the numbered paragraphs one (1) and two (2) of the disclosure the client. The disclosure statement shall be in a format substantially stated.	s the claimant acknowledges shall provide a copy of the ained in the fee agreement, so sure. A copy of the agreement
	State of Idaho Industrial Commission	
Client's nam	e printed or typed	
	ame and address	

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DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

1.

not exceed thirty percent (30%) of the benefits your attorney obtains for you.

In workers' compensation matters, attorney's fees normally do not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the benefits your attorney obtains for you in a case in which no hearing on the merits has been completed. In a case in which a hearing on the merits has been completed, attorney's fees normally do

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2. Depending upon the circumstances of your case, you and your attorney may agree to a higher or lower percentage which would be subject to Commission approval. Further, if you and your attorney have a dispute regarding attorney fees, either of you may petition the Commission to resolve the dispute.

I certify that I have read and understand this disclosure statement.	
Client's Signature Date	
Attorney's Signature Date	
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034. -- 060. (RESERVED).

061. RULE GOVERNING NOTICE TO CLAIMANTS OF STATUS CHANGE PURSUANT TO SECTION 72-806, IDAHO CODE.

- **01. Notice of Change of Status.** As required and defined by Idaho Code, Section 72-806, a worker shall receive written notice within fifteen (15) days of any change of status or condition.
- **02. By Whom Given**. Any notice to a worker required by Idaho Code, Section 72-806 shall be given by: the surety if the employer has secured Workers' Compensation Insurance; or the employer if the employer is self-insured; or the employer if the employer carries no Workers' Compensation Insurance.
- **03. Form of Notice**. Any notice to a worker required by Idaho Code, Section 72-806 shall be mailed within ten (10) days by regular United States Mail to the last known address of the worker, as shown in the records of the party required to give notice as set forth above. The Notice shall be given on IC Form 8, as prescribed by the Commission for this purpose, as substantially set forth below:

	IC Form 8:						
NOTICE OF CLAIM STATUS							
Injured Worker	SSN						
Date of Injury							
Employer							
Insurance Company							
		<u> </u>					
Address	State	Zip					
This is to notify you of the denial or charstatement checked below.	nge of status of your work	ers' compensation claim as indicated in the					
Your claim is denied.							
Reason							
Your benefit payments will be	Reduced	Increased					
Effective date							
Reason							
Your benefit payments will be stopped.	Effective date						
Reason							

IC Form 8:	
NOTICE OF CLAIM STA	TUS
Your claim is being investigated.	
A decision should be made by	
Other	Effective date
Explanation	
See attached medical reports	
Signature of insurance company adjuster/examiner	Date
Name (typed or printed)	
A sample copy of IC Form 8 is available from the; Industrial Commission 700 S. Clearwater Lane P. O. Box 83720, Boise, Idaho 83720-0041 Telephone (208) 334-6000.	
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04. Medical Reports. As required by Idaho Code, Secti eport, the party giving notice shall attach a copy of the report to the notice.	

O5. Copies of Notice. The party giving notice pursuant to Idaho Code, Section 72-806 shall send a copy of any such notice to the Industrial Commission, the employer, and the worker's attorney, if the worker is represented, at the same time notice is sent to the worker.

062. -- 999. (RESERVED).

17.02.09 - MEDICAL FEES

DOCKET NO. 17-0209-1001 (NEW CHAPTER)

NOTICE OF RULEMAKING - PROPOSED RULEMAKING

AUTHORITY: In compliance with Section 67-5221(1), Idaho Code, notice is hereby given that this agency has initiated proposed rulemaking procedures. The action is authorized pursuant to Section(s) 72-508, 72-720, 72-721, 72-722, 72-723, and 72-803 Idaho Code.

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE: Public hearing(s) concerning this rulemaking will be held as follows:

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702 W. Appleway	2270 Channing Way	700 South Clearwater Lane
Coeur d'Alene, ID	Idaho Falls, ID	Boise, ID

The hearing site(s) will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Requests for accommodation must be made not later than five (5) days prior to the hearing, to the agency address below.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: The following is a nontechnical explanation of the substance and purpose of the proposed rulemaking: The new Chapter 9, Medical Fees, adjusts conversion factors used to calculate physician fees in workers' compensation cases to reflect changes in current market conditions, pricing and other factors. This new Chapter 9 also provides a new workers' compensation fee schedule for hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers. Since these adjustments may occur annually, they were split from the current Chapter 8, Miscellaneous Provisions.

FEE SUMMARY: The following is a specific description of the fee or charge imposed or increased: N/A

FISCAL IMPACT: The following is a specific description, if applicable, of any negative fiscal impact on the state general fund greater than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) during the fiscal year as a result of this rulemaking: N/A

NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING: Although negotiated rulemaking was not done, the data was submitted to several affected parties (hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers) for analyzation and comment. Those comments were included in the final analysis that resulted in the proposed rule.

INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE: Pursuant to Section 67-5229(2)(a), Idaho Code, the following is a brief synopsis of why the materials cited are being incorporated by reference into this rule:

No documents have been incorporated by reference into this rule.

ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS: For assistance on technical questions concerning the proposed rule, contact Patti Vaughn, Medical Fee Schedule Analyst, 208-334-6000.

Anyone may submit written comments regarding this proposed rulemaking. All written comments must be directed to the undersigned and must be delivered on or before October 27, 2010.

DATED this 26th day of August, 2010.

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IDAPA 17 TITLE 02 CHAPTER 09

17.02.09 - MEDICAL FEES

	AL AUTHORITY. e adopted and promulgated by the Industrial Commission pursuant to the provision of Sections aho Code.	72-50 ()8,
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	LIC RECORDS ACT COMPLIANCE. ssociated with these rules are subject to the provisions of the Idaho Public Records Act Title 9, , Idaho Code.	Chapt (er
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	INITIONS. ms used in this rule are defined in the subsections which follow.	()
01.	Charge. Expense or cost. For hospitals and ASCs, "charge" shall mean the total charge.	()
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b. as determined	"Customary charge." A charge which shall have an upper limit no higher than the 90th per by the Commission, of usual charges made by Idaho Providers for a given medical service.	rcentil (le,
c. exceed the "cu	"Reasonable charge." A charge that does not exceed the Provider's "usual" charge and distomary" charge, as defined in this rule.	loes n	ot)
d. service to non-	"Usual charge." The most frequent charge made by an individual Provider for a given industrially injured patients.	medic (al)

- **02. Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC)**. A payment system adopted by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for outpatient services.
- **03. Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC)**. A facility providing medical services on an outpatient basis only.
- **04. Critical Access Hospital**. A hospital which meets all of the current designation criteria of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for a critical access hospital, including, but not limited to, the maximum number of beds and minimum distance from other hospitals.
 - **05. Hospital**. An acute care facility providing medical services on an inpatient and outpatient basis.
- **106. Implantable Hardware**. Objects or devices that are made to support, replace or act as a missing anatomical structure or to support or manage proper biological functions or disease processes and where surgical or medical procedures are needed to insert or apply such devices and surgical or medical procedures are required to remove such devices. The term also includes equipment necessary for the proper operation of the implantable hardware, even if not implanted in the body.
- **07. Medical Service**. Medical, surgical, dental or other attendance or treatment, nurse and hospital service, medicine, apparatus, appliance, prostheses, and related service, facility, equipment and supply, as set forth in Section 72-102, Idaho Code.
- **08. Medicare Severity Diagnosis Related Group (MS-DRG)**. A system adopted by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) that groups hospital admissions based on diagnosis codes, surgical procedures and patient demographics.
- **09. Payor**. The legal entity responsible for paying medical benefits under Idaho's Workers' Compensation Law.
- **10. Physician**. A member of any healing profession licensed or authorized to provide medical services by the statutes of this state, as set forth in Section 72-102, Idaho Code.
- 11. **Provider**. Any person, firm, corporation, partnership, association, agency, institution or other legal entity providing any kind of medical service related to the treatment of an industrially injured patient which is compensable under the Idaho's Workers' Compensation Law, as set forth in Section 72-102, Idaho Code. ()
- **12. Rehabilitation Hospital**. A facility operated for the primary purpose of assisting with the rehabilitation of disabled persons through an integrated program of medical, psychological, social, and vocational evaluation and services under competent professional supervision.

031. ACCEPTABLE CHARGES FOR MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDED BY PHYSICIANS UNDER THE IDAHO WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW.

Pursuant to Section 72-508 and Section 72-803, Idaho Code, the Industrial Commission (hereinafter "the Commission") hereby adopts the following rule for determining acceptable charges for medical services provided by physicians under the Idaho Workers' Compensation Law.

- **01. Acceptable Charge**. Payors shall pay providers the acceptable charge for medical services provided by physicians.
- **02.** Adoption of Standard for Physicians. The Commission hereby adopts the Resource-Based Relative Value Scale (RBRVS), published by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, as amended, as the standard to be used for determining the acceptable charge for medical services provided under the Idaho Workers' Compensation Law by physicians.
- **03.** Conversion Factors. The following conversion factors shall be applied to the fully-implemented facility or non-facility Relative Value Unit (RVU) as determined by place of service found in the latest RBRVS, as

amended, that was published before December 31 of the previous calendar year for a medical service identified by a code assigned to that service in the latest edition of the Physicians' Current Procedural Terminology (CPT), published by the American Medical Association, as amended:

MEDICAL FEE SCHEDULE							
SERVICE CATEGORY	CODE RANGE(S)	DESCRIPTION	CONVERSION FACTOR				
Anesthesia	00000 - 09999	Anesthesia	\$60.05				
Surgery - Group One	22000 - 22999 23000 - 24999 25000 - 27299 27300 - 27999 29800 - 29999 61000 - 61999 62000 - 62259 63000 - 63999	Spine Shoulder, Upper Arm, & Elbow Forearm, Wrist, Hand, Pelvis & Hip Leg, Knee, & Ankle Endoscopy & Arthroscopy Skull, Meninges & Brain Repair, Neuroendoscopy & Shunts Spine & Spinal Cord	\$140.00				
Surgery - Group Two	28000 - 28999 64550 - 64999	Foot & Toes Nerves & Nervous System	\$129.00				
Surgery - Group Three	13000 - 19999 20650 - 21999	Integumentary System Musculoskeletal System	\$113.52				
Surgery - Group Four	10000 - 12999 20000 - 20615 29000 - 29799 30000 - 39999 40000 - 49999 50000 - 59999 60000 - 60999 62260 - 62999 64000 - 64549 65000 - 69999	Integumentary System Musculoskeletal System Casts & Strapping Respiratory & Cardiovascular Digestive System Urinary System Endocrine System Spine & Spinal Cord Nerves & Nervous System Eye & Ear	\$87.72				
Radiology	70000 - 79999	Radiology	\$87.72				
Pathology & Laboratory	80000 - 89999	Pathology & Laboratory	To Be Determined				
Medicine - Group One	90000 - 90799 94000 - 94999 97000 - 97799 97800 - 98999	Immunization, Injections, & Infusions Pulmonary / Pulse Oximetry Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation Acupuncture, Osteopathy, & Chiropractic	\$47.00				
Medicine - Group Two	90800 - 92999 93000 - 93999 95000 - 96020 96040 - 96999 99000 - 99607	Psychiatry & Medicine Cardiography, Catheterization, & Vascular Studies Allergy / Neuromuscular Procedures Assessments & Special Procedures E / M & Miscellaneous Services	\$68.50				

04. Anesthesiology. The Conversion Factor for the Anesthesiology CPT Codes shall be multiplied by

the Anesthesia Base Units assigned to that CPT Code by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services as of December 31 of the previous calendar year, plus the allowable time units reported for the procedure. Time units are computed by dividing reported time by fifteen (15) minutes. Time units will not be used for CPT Code 01996.

- **05. Adjustment of Conversion Factors**. The conversion factors set out in this rule shall be adjusted each fiscal year (FY) by the Commission to reflect changes in inflation or market conditions, using the methodology set forth in Section 56-136, Idaho Code; pursuant to Section 72-803, Idaho Code.
- **96. Services Without CPT Code, RVU or Conversion Factor.** The acceptable charge for medical services that do not have a current CPT code, a currently assigned RVU, or a conversion factor will be the reasonable charge for that service, based upon the usual and customary charge and other relevant evidence, as determined by the Commission. Where a service with a CPT Code, RVU, and conversion factor is, nonetheless, claimed to be exceptional or unusual, the Commission may, notwithstanding the conversion factor for that service set out in Subsection 031.03, above, determine the acceptable charge for that service, based on all relevant evidence in accordance with the procedures set out in Section 034, below.
- **07. Coding.** The Commission will generally follow the coding guidelines published by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and by the American Medical Association, including the use of modifiers. The procedure with the largest RVU will be the primary procedure and will be listed first on the claim form. Modifiers will be reimbursed as follows:
 - **a.** Modifier 50: Additional fifty percent (50%) for bilateral procedure. ()
- **b.** Modifier 51: Fifty percent (50%) of secondary procedure. This modifier will be applied to each medical or surgical procedure rendered during the same session as the primary procedure.
 - **c.** Modifier 80: Twenty-five percent (25%) of coded procedure. (
- **d.** Modifier 81: Fifteen percent (15%) of coded procedure. This modifier applies to MD and non-MD assistants.
- 032. ACCEPTABLE CHARGES FOR MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDED BY HOSPITALS AND AMBULATORY SURGERY CENTERS UNDER THE IDAHO WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW.

Pursuant to Section 72-508 and Section 72-803, Idaho Code, the Commission hereby adopts the following rule for determining acceptable charges for medical services provided by hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers under the Idaho Workers' Compensation Law.

- **01. Acceptable Charge**. Payors shall pay providers the acceptable charge for medical services provided by hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers.
- **02.** Adoption of Standards for Hospitals and ASCs. The following standards shall be used to determine the acceptable charge for hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers.
- a. Critical Access and Rehabilitation Hospitals. The standard for determining the acceptable charge for inpatient and outpatient services provided by a critical access or rehabilitation hospital is ninety percent (90%) of the reasonable charge. Implantable hardware charges shall be reimbursed at the rate of the actual cost plus fifty percent (50%).
- b. Hospital Inpatient Services. The standard for determining the acceptable charge for inpatient services provided by hospitals, other than critical access and rehabilitation hospitals, is calculated by multiplying the base rate by the current MS-DRG weight for that service. The base rate for inpatient services is ten thousand dollars (\$10,000). Inpatient services that do not have a relative weight shall be paid at eighty-five percent (85%) of the reasonable charge; however, implantable hardware charges billed for services without an MS-DRG weight shall be reimbursed at the rate of actual cost plus fifty percent (50%).
 - c. Hospital Outpatient and Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Services. The standard for determining

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the acceptable charge for outpatient services provided by hospitals (other than critical access and rehabilitation hospitals) and for services provided by ambulatory surgical centers is calculated by multiplying the base rate by the current APC weight. The base rate for hospital outpatient services is one hundred and thirty dollars (\$130). The base rate for ASC services is eighty-five dollars (\$85).

- i. If there is no weight listed for APC status codes A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, K, L, M, Q, S, T, V, X, or Y, then reimbursement shall be seventy-five percent (75%) of the reasonable charge.
- ii. Status code N items (other than implantable hardware) or items with no CPT or Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code shall receive no payment.
- iii. Two or more medical procedures with a status code T on the same claim shall be reimbursed with the highest weighted code paid at one hundred percent (100%) of the APC calculated amount and all other status code T items paid at fifty percent (50%).
 - iv. Status code Q items will not be discounted.
- **d.** Hospitals Outside of Idaho. Reimbursement for services provided by hospitals outside the state of Idaho may be based upon the agreement of the parties. If there is no agreement, services shall be paid in accordance with the workers' compensation fee schedule in effect in the state in which services are rendered. If there is no fee schedule in effect in such state, or if the fee schedule in that state does not allow reimbursement for the services rendered, reimbursement shall be paid in accordance with these rules.
- **e.** Additional Hospital Payments. When the charge for a medical service provided by a hospital (other than a critical access or rehabilitation hospital) meets the following standards, additional payment shall be made for that service, as indicated.
- i. Inpatient Threshold Exceeded. When the charge for a hospital inpatient MS-DRG coded service exceeds the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) plus the payment calculated under the provisions of Subparagraph 032.02.b. of this rule, then the total payment for that service shall be the sum of the MS-DRG payment and the amount charged above that threshold multiplied by seventy-five percent (75%). Implantable charges shall be excluded from the calculation for an additional inpatient payment under this Subparagraph.
- ii. Inpatient Implantable Hardware. Hospitals may seek additional reimbursement beyond the MSDRG payment for invoiced implantable hardware where the total invoice cost is greater than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000). Additional reimbursement shall be the invoice cost plus ten percent (10%). Handling and freight charges shall be included in invoice cost.
- iii. Outpatient Implantable Hardware. Hospitals and ASCs may seek additional reimbursement beyond the APC payment for invoiced implantable hardware where the total invoice cost is greater than five hundred dollars (\$500). Additional reimbursement shall be the invoice cost plus ten percent (10%). Handling and freight charges shall be included in invoice cost.
- **03. Disputes.** The Commission shall determine the acceptable charge for hospital and ASC services that are disputed based on all relevant evidence in accordance with the procedures set out in Section 034 of this rule.
- **04.** Adjustment of Hospital and ASC Base Rates. The Commission may periodically adjust the base rates set out in Subparagraphs 032.02.b. and 032.02.c. of this rule to reflect changes in inflation or market conditions.

033. ACCEPTABLE CHARGES FOR MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDED BY OTHER PROVIDERS UNDER THE IDAHO WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW.

Pursuant to Section 72-508 and Section 72-803, Idaho Code, the Commission hereby adopts the following rule for determining acceptable charges for medical services provided by providers other than physicians, hospitals or ASCs under the Idaho Workers' Compensation Law.

01.	Acceptable	Charge.	Payors	shall	pay	providers	the	acceptable	charge	for	medical	services
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- **02. Adoption of Standard**. The standard for determining the acceptable charge for providers other than physicians, hospitals or ambulatory surgery centers (ASCs) shall be the reasonable charge. ()
- **O3. Disputes.** The Commission shall determine the acceptable charge for medical services provided by providers other than physicians, hospitals and ASCs that are disputed based on all relevant evidence in accordance with the procedures set out in Section 034 of this rule.

034. BILLING AND PAYMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR MEDICAL SERVICES AND PROCEDURES PRELIMINARY TO DISPUTE RESOLUTION.

- **01. Authority.** Pursuant to Section 72-508 and Section 72-803, Idaho Code, the Industrial Commission hereby promulgates this rule governing billing and payment requirements for medical services provided under the Workers' Compensation Law and the procedures for resolving disputes between payors and providers over those bills or payments.
- **O2. Time Periods**. None of the periods herein shall begin to run before the Notice of Injury/Claim for Benefits has been filed with the Employer as required by law.
- **O3. Provider to Furnish Information.** A Provider, when submitting a bill to a Payor, shall inform the Payor of the nature and extent of medical services furnished and for which the bill is submitted. This information shall include, but is not limited to, the patient's name, the employer's name, the date the medical service was provided, the diagnosis, if any, and the amount of the charge or charges. Failure to submit a bill complying with this Subsection 034.03 to the Payor within one hundred twenty (120) days of the date of service will result in the ineligibility of the Provider to utilize the dispute resolution procedures of the Commission set out in Subsection 034.10 for that service.
- **a.** A Provider's bill shall, whenever possible, describe the Medical Service provided, using the American Medical Association's appropriate Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) coding, including modifiers, for the year in which the service was performed and using current International Classification of Diseases (ICD) diagnostic coding, as well.
- **b.** The bill shall also contain the name, address and telephone number of the individual the Payor may contact in the event the Payor seeks additional information regarding the Provider's bill.
- **c.** If requested by the Payor, the bill shall be accompanied by a written report as defined by IDAPA 17.02.04, "Administrative Rules of the Industrial Commission Under the Workers' Compensation Law -- Benefits." Subsection 322.01.f. Where a bill is not accompanied by such Report, the periods expressed in Subsections 034.04 and 034.06, below, shall not begin to run until the Payor receives the Report.
- **04. Prompt Payment**. Unless the Payor denies liability for the claim or, pursuant to Subsection 034.06, below, sends a Preliminary Objection, a Request for Clarification, or both, as to any charge, the Payor shall pay the charge within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of the bill.
- **05. Partial Payment.** If the Payor acknowledges liability for the claim and, pursuant to Subsection 034.06, below, sends a Preliminary Objection, a Request for Clarification, or both, as to only part of a Provider's bill, the Payor must pay the charge or charges, or portion thereof, as to which no Preliminary Objection or Request for Clarification has been made, within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of the bill.

06. Preliminary Objections and Requests for Clarification.

a. Whenever a Payor objects to all or any part of a Provider's bill on the ground that such bill contains a charge or charges that do not comport with the applicable administrative rule, the Payor shall send a written Preliminary Objection to the Provider within thirty (30) calendar days of the Payor's receipt of the bill explaining the basis for each of the Payor's objections.

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- c. Each Preliminary Objection and Request for Clarification shall contain the name, address and phone number of the individual located within the state of Idaho that the Provider may contact regarding the Preliminary Objection or Request for Clarification.
- **d.** Where a Payor does not send a Preliminary Objection to a charge set forth in a bill or a Request for Clarification within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of the bill, or provide an in-state contact in accord with Subsection 034.06.c., it shall be precluded from objecting to such charge as failing to comport with the applicable administrative rule.

07. Provider Reply to Preliminary Objection or Request for Clarification. ()

- **a.** Where a Payor has timely sent a Preliminary Objection, Request for Clarification, or both, the Provider shall send to the Payor a written Reply, if any it has, within thirty (30) calendar days of the Provider's receipt of each Preliminary Objection or Request for Clarification.
- **b.** If a Provider fails to timely reply to a Preliminary Objection, the Provider shall be deemed to have acquiesced in the Payor's objection.
- c. If a Provider fails to timely reply to a Request for Clarification, the period in which the Payor shall pay or issue a Final Objection shall not begin to run until such clarification is received.
- **08.** Payor Shall Pay or Issue Final Objection. The Payor shall pay the Provider's bill in whole or in part or shall send to the Provider a written Final Objection, if any it has, to all or part of the bill within thirty (30) calendar days of the Payor's receipt of the Reply.
- **69. Failure of Payor to Finally Object.** Where the Payor does not timely send a Final Objection to any charge or portion thereof to which it continues to have an objection, it shall be precluded from further objecting to such charge as unacceptable.
- 10. Dispute Resolution Process. If, after completing the applicable steps set forth above, a Payor and Provider are unable to agree on the appropriate charge for any Medical Service, a Provider which has complied with the applicable requirements of this rule may move the Commission to resolve the dispute as provided in the Judicial Rule Re: Disputes Between Providers and Payors, as referenced in Sections 031, 032 and 033 of this rule. If Provider's motion disputing CPT or MS-DRG coded items prevails, Payor shall pay the amount found by the Commission to be owed, plus an additional thirty percent (30%) of that amount to compensate Provider for costs and expenses associated with using the dispute resolution process. For motions filed by a Provider disputing items without CPT or MS-DRG codes, the additional thirty percent (30%) shall be due only if the Payor does not pay the amount found due within thirty (30) days of the administrative order.

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17.02.10 - ADMINISTRATIVE RULES OF THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW -- SECURITY FOR COMPENSATION -- INSURANCE CARRIERS

DOCKET NO. 17-0210-1001 (NEW CHAPTER)

NOTICE OF RULEMAKING - PROPOSED RULE

AUTHORITY: In compliance with Section 67-5221(1), Idaho Code, notice is hereby given that this agency has initiated proposed rulemaking procedures. The action is authorized pursuant to Section(s) 72-508, 72-520, 72-721, 72-722, and 72-723, Idaho Code.

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE: Public hearing(s) concerning this rulemaking will be scheduled if requested in writing by twenty-five (25) persons, a political subdivision, or an agency, not later than October 20, 2010.

The hearing site(s) will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Requests for accommodation must be made not later than five (5) days prior to the hearing, to the agency address below.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: The following is a nontechnical explanation of the substance and purpose of the proposed rulemaking:

The current chapter, IDAPA 17.02.03 (Security for Compensation), is being repealed and two new chapters are being adopted to clarify each entity's rules. This new chapter, IDAPA 17.02.10 (Insurance Carriers), adopts rules governing insurance carriers which clarify terms and implement more comprehensive reporting requirements.

FEE SUMMARY: The following is a specific description of the fee or charge imposed or increased: N/A

FISCAL IMPACT: The following is a specific description, if applicable, of any negative fiscal impact on the state general fund greater than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) during the fiscal year resulting from this rulemaking: N/A

NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING: Pursuant to Section 67-5220(2), Idaho Code, negotiated rulemaking was not conducted because a subcommittee of the Commission's Advisory Committee, including insurance carrier representatives and self-insured employers, has been providing input to the Industrial Commission on the drafting of these rule revisions.

INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE: Pursuant to Section 67-5229(2)(a), Idaho Code, the following is a brief synopsis of why the materials cited are being incorporated by reference into this rule: N/A

ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS: For assistance on technical questions concerning the proposed rule, contact Jane McClaran, 334-6042.

Anyone may submit written comments regarding this proposed rulemaking. All written comments must be directed to the undersigned and must be delivered on or before October 27, 2010.

DATED this 10th day of September, 2010.

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17.02.10 - ADMINISTRATIVE RULES OF THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW -- SECURITY FOR COMPENSATION -- INSURANCE CARRIERS

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		Application . Before the Commission shall approve any insurance carrier to do business uncernsation Law, said carrier shall apply to the Industrial Commission for permission to surance and said application shall include the following:		
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A statement that said carrier will comply with the statutes of the state of Idaho and rules of the

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reference to matters under the Workers' Compensation Law, including IC Form 36A, Report of Outstanding Awards – Insurance Carriers; which must be filed quarterly with the Commission.

012. RULES GOVERNING INSURANCE CARRIERS.

An insurance carrier must apply for and receive the approval of the Industrial Commission to write workers' compensation insurance pursuant to Section 72-301, Idaho Code. After receiving such approval, an insurance carrier shall comply with the following:

01. Maintain Statutory Security Deposits with the State Treasurer.

- **a.** Each insurance carrier shall maintain with the Idaho State Treasurer a security deposit in the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) if approved by the commission prior to July 15, 1988, or two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) if approved subsequent to that date.
- b. In addition to the security required in Subsection 012.01.a., of this rule, each insurance carrier shall deposit an amount equal to the total unpaid outstanding awards of said insurance carrier. Such deposit shall be in the form permitted by Section 72-301, Idaho Code. Surety bonds shall be in the form set forth in Subsection 011.02.f. of these rules. If a surety bond is deposited, the surety company shall be completely independent of the principal and authorized to transact such business in the state of Idaho. A partial release of security deposited hereunder must be requested in writing and approved by the Commission.
- c. Securities which are maintained to satisfy the requirements of this rule may be held in the federal reserve book-entry system, as defined in Section 41-2870(4), Idaho Code, and interests in such securities may be transferred by bookkeeping entry in the federal reserve book-entry system without physical delivery of certificates representing such securities.
- **02. Appoint Agent for Service of Process**. Each insurance carrier shall appoint the Director of the Department of Insurance as its agent to receive service of legal process.
- **03. Maintain Resident Idaho Office**. Each insurance carrier shall maintain an Idaho licensed resident adjusters, or its own adjusting offices or officers resident in Idaho who have been appointed and have been given authority as to claims arising under the Act.
- **a.** Each authorized insurance carrier shall notify the Commission Secretary in writing of any change of the designated resident adjuster(s) for every insured Idaho employer within fifteen (15) days of such change.
- **b.** Each authorized insurance carrier will ensure that every in-state adjuster can classify and identify all claims adjusted on behalf of said insurance carrier, and that the in-state adjuster will provide such information to the Industrial Commission upon request.
- **O4. Supply Forms.** Each insurance carrier shall supply such forms as are or may be prescribed by the Commission pursuant to the Workers' Compensation Law and distribute them to all employers it insures. A list of required forms is available from the public information section of the Industrial Commission, 700 S. Clearwater Lane, P. O. Box 83720, Boise, Idaho 83720-0041, telephone (208)334-6000.
- **05. Comply with Industrial Commission Reporting Requirements.** Each insurance carrier shall file such reports as the Industrial Commission may require concerning matters under the Workers' Compensation Law.

Report Proof of Coverage.

a. Each insurance carrier shall report proof of coverage information to a third party designated by the Industrial Commission as its agent to receive, process, and forward the proof of coverage information required by these rules to the Commission. The name and address of the Commission's designated agent(s) is available upon request from the Employer Compliance Bureau of the Industrial Commission, 700 S. Clearwater Lane, P. O. Box 83720, Boise, Idaho 83720-0041; telephone (208) 334-6000.

- **b.** As an alternative to Subsection 012.06.a., an insurance carrier may be allowed to report proof of coverage information directly to the Industrial Commission in an electronic format prescribed by the Commission by first making a written request to the Commission and obtaining the Commission's permission. A formal written agreement with the Commission is required prior to the electronic transmission of proof of coverage data to the Commission.
- c. The Industrial Commission hereby adopts the International Association of Industrial Accident Boards and Commissions' (IAIABC) electronic proof of coverage record layout and transaction standards as the required reporting mechanism for new policies, renewal policies, endorsements, cancellations, and non-renewals of policies. A copy of the record layout and transaction standards is available upon request from the Employer Compliance Bureau, Industrial Commission, 700 S. Clearwater Lane, P. O. Box 83720, Boise, Idaho 83720-0041; telephone (208) 334-6000.
- **d.** The most recent proof of coverage information contained in the Industrial Commission's database shall be presumed to be correct for the purpose of determining the insurance carrier providing coverage. ()
- **07. Report New Policy, Renewal Policy, and Endorsement Information Within Thirty Days.** Each insurance carrier shall report the issuance of any new workers' compensation policy, renewal policy, or endorsement to the Industrial Commission or its designated agent within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the transaction.
- **08. Report Cancellation and Non-Renewal of Policy Within Time Prescribed by Statute**. Each insurance carrier shall report the cancellation and/or nonrenewal of any workers' compensation insurance policy to the Industrial Commission or its designated agent within the time frames prescribed by Section 72-311, Idaho Code. Receipt of cancellation or nonrenewal notices by the Commission's designated agent shall be deemed to have been received by the Commission.
- **09. Report Election of Coverage on Form IC52 or Similar Format.** Each insurance carrier shall report election of coverage or revocation of election of coverage on or in a format substantially the same as Form IC52, "Election of Coverage," which follows this chapter as Appendix A. This report shall be submitted to the Industrial Commission in writing on eight and one-half by eleven inch (8 1/2" x 11") paper.
- **10. Report Outstanding Awards**. Each insurance carrier shall report to the Industrial Commission at the end of each calendar quarter, or more often as required by the Commission, any outstanding award. ()
- **a.** The report of outstanding awards shall be filed with the Industrial Commission by the end of the month following the end of each calendar quarter.
- **b.** The report shall be filed even if there are no outstanding awards. In that event, the carrier shall certify the fact that there are no outstanding awards to be reported.
- c. The report shall be submitted on or in a format that is substantially the same as Form IC36A, "Report of Outstanding Awards Insurance Carriers" which follows this chapter as Appendix B. The report may be produced as a computerized spreadsheet or database printout and shall be submitted to the Commission in writing on paper no larger than eight and one-half inches by eleven inches (8 ½" x 11") in size.
- d. The report shall be signed and certified to be correct by a corporate officer. If an insurance carrier has designated more than one adjuster for workers' compensation claims in Idaho, a corporate officer of the insurance carrier shall prepare, certify and file a consolidated report of outstanding awards.
- ${f e.}$ The report shall list all outstanding awards, commencing with the calendar quarter during which the award is made or benefits are first paid, whichever occurs earlier.
- 11. Comply with Law and Rules. Each insurance carrier shall comply with the statutes of the state of Idaho and the rules of the Industrial Commission to ensure that payments of compensation shall be sure and certain and not unnecessarily delayed.

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	ii.	Pay all compensation benefits due;	()
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sanctions as the Industrial Commission may impose.

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the authority of an insurance carrier to write workers' compensation insurance in the state of Idaho, or such lesser

271. RULE GOVERNING REPORTING INDEMNITY PAYMENTS AND MAKING PAYMENT OF INDUSTRIAL SPECIAL INDEMNITY FUND ASSESSMENT.

Pursuant to Section 72-327, Idaho Code, the state insurance fund and every insurance carrier authorized to transact workers' compensation insurance in Idaho shall report annually to the Industrial Commission the total gross amount of indemnity benefits paid on Idaho workers' compensation claims during the applicable reporting period. ()

- **01. Filing**. The report of indemnity payments shall be filed with the Industrial Commission simultaneously with the first Semi-Annual Premium Tax Report which, pursuant to Section 72-523, Idaho Code, is due each year on March 3rd.
- **02. Form**. The report of indemnity payments shall be submitted in writing on, or in a format substantially the same as Form IC327, "Report of Indemnity Payments," contained in Appendix C at the end of this chapter.
- **03. Report Required When No Indemnity Paid**. If an entity required to report under this rule has no claims against which indemnity payments have been made during the reporting period, a report shall be filed so indicating.
- **04. Penalty for Late Filing**. A penalty shall be assessed by the Commission for filing the report of indemnity payments later than March 3 each year.
 - a. A penalty of two hundred dollars (\$200) shall be assessed for late filing of seven (7) days or less.
- **b.** A penalty of one hundred dollars (\$100) per day shall be assessed for late filing of more than seven (7) days.
- **c.** A penalty assessed by the Commission shall be payable to the Industrial Commission and shall be submitted with the April 1 payment of the industrial special indemnity fund assessment, following notice by the Commission of the penalty assessment.
- **05. Estimating Indemnity Payments for Entities That Fail to Report Timely.** If an entity required to report indemnity payments under these rules fails to report within the time allowed in these rules, the Commission will estimate the indemnity payments for that entity by using the indemnity amount reported for the preceding reporting period and adding twenty percent (20%).
- **06. Adjustment for Overpayments or Underpayments.** Overpayments or underpayments, including those resulting from estimating the indemnity payments of entities that fail to report timely, will be adjusted on the billing for the subsequent period.
- 272. -- 999. (RESERVED).

APPENDIX A

IC52 ELECTION OF COVERAGE

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APPENDIX B

IC36A -- REPORT OF OUTSTANDING AWARDS - INSURANCE CARRIERS

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	For Ca	alendar Qu	arter Ending	: qMarch qJune o	qSeptember qDe	cember	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Date of Injury	Claimant Name (as shown on First Report of Injury)	Type of Claim	Total Awards	Compensation Paid This Report Period	Total Compensation Paid to Date	Adjustments	Unpaid Balance [(4) minus (5)]
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APPENDIX C IC327 REPORT OF INDEMNITY PAYMENTS EXHIBIT A to SEMI-ANNUAL PREMIUM TAX REPORT

Reportin	ng Entity Name:					
Reportin	ng Period:	January 1 - June 30,	(Year)			
		July 1 - December 31,	(Year)			
Date of	Preparation:					
1.	Total Claims:					
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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me on this day of Notary Public for Residing at My term expires:						

17.02.11 - ADMINISTRATIVE RULES OF THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW - SECURITY FOR COMPENSATION - SELF-INSURED EMPLOYERS

DOCKET NO. 17-0211-1001 (NEW CHAPTER - FEE RULE)

NOTICE OF RULEMAKING - PROPOSED RULE

AUTHORITY: In compliance with Section 67-5221(1), Idaho Code, notice is hereby given that this agency has initiated proposed rulemaking procedures. The action is authorized pursuant to Section(s) 72-508, 72-520, 72-721, 72-722, and 72-723, Idaho Code.

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE: Public hearing(s) concerning this rulemaking will be scheduled if requested in writing by twenty-five (25) persons, a political subdivision, or an agency, not later than October 20, 2010.

The hearing site(s) will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Requests for accommodation must be made not later than five (5) days prior to the hearing, to the agency address below.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: The following is a nontechnical explanation of the substance and purpose of the proposed rulemaking:

The current chapter, IDAPA 17.02.03 (Security for Compensation), is being repealed and two new chapters are being adopted to clarify each entity's rules. This new chapter, IDAPA 17.02.11 (Self-Insured Employers), adopts rules governing self-insured employers that clarify terms, provide a more detailed application process and outline continuing reporting and security deposit requirements necessary to maintain self insured status.

FEE SUMMARY: The following is a specific description of the fee or charge imposed or increased: The fiscal impact to the industrial administration fund under this proposal is nominal due to the implementation of a \$250 application fee for self-insured employers. Self-insured applications average only 2-3 per year. The Commission's authority is contained in Section 72-508, Idaho Code.

FISCAL IMPACT: The following is a specific description, if applicable, of any negative fiscal impact on the state general fund greater than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) during the fiscal year resulting from this rulemaking: N/A

NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING: Pursuant to Section 67-5220(2), Idaho Code, negotiated rulemaking was not conducted because a subcommittee of the Commission's Advisory Committee, including insurance carrier representatives and self-insured employers, has been providing input to the Industrial Commission on the drafting of these rule revisions.

INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE: Pursuant to Section 67-5229(2)(a), Idaho Code, the following is a brief synopsis of why the materials cited are being incorporated by reference into this rule: N/A

ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS: For assistance on technical questions concerning the proposed rule, contact Jane McClaran, 334-6042.

Anyone may submit written comments regarding this proposed rulemaking. All written comments must be directed to the undersigned and must be delivered on or before October 27, 2010.

DATED this 1st day of September, 2010.

Mindy Montgomery Director Industrial Commission 700 S. Clearwater Lane, Boise, ID 83712 PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0041 Phone: 208-334-6000 / Fax: 208-334-5145

THE FOLLOWING IS THE PROPOSED TEXT OF DOCKET NO. 17-0211-1001

IDAPA 17 TITLE 02 CHAPTER 11

17.02.11 - ADMINISTRATIVE RULES OF THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW -- SECURITY FOR COMPENSATION -- SELF-INSURED EMPLOYERS

	ules are	L AUTHORITY. adopted and promulgated by the Industrial Commission pursuant to the provisions of Section 72-304, Idaho Code.	ections (72-)
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012. For the		ITIONS. of this chapter, the following definitions are applicable:	()
		Indemnity Benefits . All payments made to or on behalf of workers' compensation rary or permanent disability benefits, permanent partial impairment benefits, death benefiting benefits, and any other type of income benefits, but excluding medical and related benefits.	fits paid	l to
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		Application . Submit a completed application, available from the Industrial Commission with the application fee of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250), to the Idaho Industrial Consection, at 700 S. Clearwater Lane, PO Box 83720-0041, Boise, Idaho 83720-0041; telep	ommissi	on,

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04.	Adjuster. Designate in writing a licensed Idaho resident adjuster;	()
05. the employer's w	Previous Claims . Provide a history of workers' compensation claim orkers' compensation carrier during the previous three (3) calendar ye	
06. to be deposited u	Custodial Agreement . Set up a custodial agreement with the State Trander Sections 72-301 and 72-302, Idaho Code;	reasurer for securities required
07.	Supplemental Information. Provide supplemental information as re-	quested; ()
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c. approved by the	Any withdrawal or partial release of security deposited hereunder mu Commission.	st be requested in writing and

SELF-INSURER'S COMPENSATION BOND

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT State of, hereinafter called the Principal, as Principal, and the surety corporation authorized to transact a surety business in the State of Idaho, as	, a corporation of the
surety corporation authorized to transact a surety business in the State of Idaho, as unto the State of Idaho, for the use and benefit of all those employees of the Principal whom the Principal may, during the life of this bond, become liable for become due and/or payable by said Principal to said employees under the terms, Workers' Compensation Law, and in accordance with the terms, agreements, cobligation not exceeding, however, the sum of dollars, for the pade, the Principal well and truly binds itself, its successors and assigns, and the and assigns, jointly and severally, well and truly by these presents.	al to whom or to the dependents of nefits under the Idaho Workers' mited by the sum or sums that may provisions and limitations of said conditions and limitations of this payment of which, well and truly
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NOW, THEREFORE, the condition of this obligation is such that if the said according to the terms, provisions, and limitations of Idaho Code, Title 72, Chapte the Workers' Compensation Law and all amendments thereto, to its injured employ employees contemplated by the terms of and covered under the said law, and shall and the hospital services and attention and funeral expenses as provided for in understood to be included in the term "compensation" as hereinafter used), then this otherwise to remain in full force and effect, subject, however to the following expression.	er 1 to 8, both inclusive, known as vees or the dependents of its killed furnish medical, surgical, nursing a said law (all of which shall be sobligation shall be null and void,
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That upon request of the Industrial Commission of Idaho, it will make such endorsement to be attached hereto or by the execution of a surety bond replacing may deem requisite, to bring this bond into conformity with its rulings as to the employers under Idaho Code, Title 72, Chapters 1 to 8, both inclusive, known as and all amendments thereto.	this one, as the said Commission form of surety bond required of
This bond is issued for an indefinite term to begin on the day of _continue in full force and effect until terminated in either of the following two mar by the Surety by filing sixty (60) days written cancellation notice by registered ma of the State of Idaho. This bond may be cancelled by the Industrial Commission notice to the Surety hereon, which notice shall specify the date of termination of the	il with the Industrial Commission of the State of Idaho by written
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the said Principal and said Surety have caused due form this day of, 20	d these presents to be executed in

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05.	Submit to Audits by Industrial Commission. Each year a self-insured employer shall provide the
Industrial Commi	ission with a copy of its annual financial statements, or other acceptable documentation. Each self-
	shall submit to audit by the Commission or its designee at any time and as often as it requires to
verify the amount	of premium such self-insured employer would be required to pay as premium to the State Insurance
Fund, and to verif	fy compliance with the provisions of these rules and the Idaho Workers' Compensation Law. ()

06. Comply with Law and Rules. Comply with the statutes of the state of Idaho and the rules of the Industrial Commission to the end that payment of compensation shall be sure and certain and not unnecessarily delayed. The Commission may withdraw its approval of any employer to operate as a self-insurer if it shall appear to the Commission that workers secured by said self-insured employer are not adequately protected and served, or the employer is failing to comply with the provisions of these rules or the Workers' Compensation Law.

015. -- 050. (RESERVED).

051. REQUIREMENTS FOR MAINTAINING IDAHO WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS FILES.

All self-insured employers and licensed adjustors servicing Idaho workers' compensation claims shall comply with the following requirements:

- **01. Idaho Office**. All self-insured employers and licensed adjusters servicing Idaho workers' compensation claims shall maintain an office within the state of Idaho. The offices shall be staffed by adequate personnel to conduct business. The self-insured employer shall designate a licensed adjuster to make decisions regarding claims pursuant to Section 72-305, Idaho Code. As staffing changes occur and, at least annually, the self-insured employer or licensed adjuster shall submit to the Industrial Commission Secretary the names of those authorized to make decisions regarding claims pursuant to Section 72-305, Idaho Code. Answering machines, answering services, or toll free numbers outside of the state will not suffice.
- **O2.** Claim Files. All Idaho workers' compensation claim files shall be maintained within the state of Idaho in either hard copy or immediately accessible electronic format. Claim files shall include, but are not limited to:
 - a. First Report of Injury and Claim for Benefits; (
 - **b.** Copies of bills for medical care; ()
 - c. Copy of lost-time computations, if applicable; ()
- **d.** Correspondence reflecting reasons for any delays in payments (i.e., awaiting medical reports, clarification, questionable items on bills, etc.), the resolution of such delays and acceptance or denial of compensability;
 - e. Employer's Supplemental Report; and ()
 - **f.** Medical reports. ()
- **03. Correspondence.** All original correspondence involving adjusting decisions regarding Idaho workers' compensation claims shall be mailed from and maintained at in-state offices.
- **04. Date Stamp.** Each of the documents listed in Subsections 051.02 and 051.03 shall be date-stamped with the name of the receiving office on the day received, and by each receiving agent or vendor acting on behalf of the self-insured employer.
- **05. Notice and Claim.** All First Reports of Injury, Claims for Benefits, notices of occupational illnesses and fatalities shall be sent directly to the in-state adjuster or self-insured employer. The original copy of the First Report of Injury, Claim for Benefits and notices of occupational illness and fatality shall be sent directly to the Industrial Commission.

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		The Commission may, upon receipt of a written Application for Waiver, grant a waiver from the osections 051.06 and 051.07 of this rule to permit a self-insured employer to sign and issue checks of Idaho.					
b. An Application for Waiver must be accompanied by an affidavit signed by an officer or prin the self-insured employer, attesting to the fact that the self-insured employer is prepared to comply with all and rules pertaining to prompt payment of compensation.							
waiver sl Commiss	sion may o assure	All waivers shall be effective from the date the Commission issues the order granting the waiver. A ain in effect until revoked by the Industrial Commission. At least annually, staff of the Industrial review the performance of any self-insured employer for which a waiver under this rule has been that the self-insured employer is complying with all statutes and rules pertaining to prompt payment ()					
permittin Commiss affording	sion may	If at any time after the Commission has granted a waiver, the Commission receives information afterence that the self-insured employer has failed to provide timely benefits to any claimant, the y issue an order to show cause why the Commission should not revoke the waiver; and, after f-insured employer an opportunity to be heard, may revoke the waiver and order the self-insured ply with the requirements of Subsections 051.06 and 051.07 of this rule.					
contained		Copies of Checks . Copies of checks and/or electronically reproducible copies of the information checks must be maintained in the in-state files for Industrial Commission audit purposes. A copy of nowing signature and date, shall be sent to the Industrial Commission the same day of issuance.					
	09.	Prompt Claim Servicing . Prompt claim servicing includes, but is not limited to:					
Sections	a. 031, 032	Payment of medical bills in accordance with the provisions of IDAPA 17.02.09, Medical Fees, 2, 033, and 034.					
	b.	Payment of income benefits on a weekly basis, unless otherwise approved by the Commission.					
above rec	10. quireme	Audits . The Industrial Commission will perform periodic audits to ensure compliance with the nts.					
the autho		Non-Compliance . Non-compliance with the above requirements may result in the revocation of a self-insured employer to self-insure its workers' compensation obligations in the state of Idaho, or ions as the Industrial Commission may impose.					
052 18	80.	(RESERVED).					
181.	RULE I	PROHIBITING USE OF SICK LEAVE OR OTHER ALTERNATIVE COMPENSATION.					
	01.	Employee Not Required to Take Sick Leave in Lieu of Compensation. No employer obligated					

to pay workers' compensation benefits to an employee as provided by the Workers' Compensation Law may require an employee to accept "sick leave" or other comparable benefit in lieu of the workers' compensation benefits provided by law. Section 72-318(2), Idaho Code, specifically provides that no agreement by an employee to waive his rights to compensation under the Workers' Compensation Law shall be valid.

02.	Election	of Sick Le	eave or A	lternative	Compensation	Prohibited.	Further,	the Cor	nmission
construes Section	i 181 as pr	eventing ar	n employee	e from elec	ting to accept '	'sick leave" o	or other co	mparabl	e benefit
from an employe	r in lieu of	f workers'	compensat	ion benefits	s to which the	employee is e	entitled un	der the	Workers'
Compensation La	w, and the	refore such	elections of	or agreemer	nts are prohibite	ed.			()

182. -- 270. (RESERVED).

271. RULE GOVERNING REPORTING INDEMNITY PAYMENTS AND MAKING PAYMENT OF INDUSTRIAL SPECIAL INDEMNITY FUND ASSESSMENT.

Pursuant to Section 72-327, Idaho Code, every authorized self-insurer authorized to self-insure its workers' compensation obligations in Idaho shall report annually to the Industrial Commission the total gross amount of indemnity benefits paid on Idaho workers' compensation claims during the applicable reporting period. ()

- **01. Filing**. The report of indemnity payments shall be filed with the Industrial Commission simultaneously with the first Semi-Annual Premium Tax Report; which, pursuant to Section 72-523, Idaho Code, is due each year on March 3rd.
- **02. Form**. The report of indemnity payments shall be submitted in writing on, or in a format substantially the same as Form IC327, "Report of Indemnity Payments," contained in Appendix B at the end of this chapter.
- **03. Report Required When No Indemnity Paid.** If an entity required to report under this rule has no claims against which indemnity payments have been made during the reporting period, a report shall be filed so indicating.
- **04. Penalty for Late Filing**. A penalty shall be assessed by the Commission for filing the report of indemnity payments later than March 3 each year.
 - a. A penalty of two hundred dollars (\$200) shall be assessed for late filing of seven (7) days or less.
- **b.** A penalty of one hundred dollars (\$100) per day shall be assessed for late filing of more than seven (7) days.
- **c.** A penalty assessed by the Commission shall be payable to the Industrial Commission and shall be submitted with the April 1 payment of the industrial special indemnity fund assessment, following notice by the Commission of the penalty assessment.
- **O5. Estimating Indemnity Payments for Entities That Fail to Report Timely.** If an entity required to report indemnity payments under these rules fails to report within the time allowed in these rules, the Commission will estimate the indemnity payments for that entity by using the indemnity amount reported for the preceding reporting period and adding twenty percent (20%).
- **06.** Adjustment for Overpayments or Underpayments. Overpayments or underpayments, including those resulting from estimating the indemnity payments of entities that fail to report timely, will be adjusted on the billing for the subsequent period.

272. -- 999. (RESERVED).

APPENDIX A

IC36B -- REPORT OF OUTSTANDING AWARDS – SELF-INSURED EMPLOYERS

(Name of Self-Insured Employer)							
Calendar Year:							
For Calendar Quarter Ending: qMarch qJune qSeptember qDecember							
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Date of Injury	Claimant Name (as shown on First Report of Injury)	Type of Claim	Total Awards	Compensation Paid This Report Period	Total Compensation Paid to Date	Adjust- ments	Unpaid Balance [(4) minus (5)]
TOTALS							
Send Original to: Fiscal Section, Industrial Commission, P. O. Box 83720, Boise, Idaho 83720-0041 I, the undersigned corporate officer of the above named self-insured employer, do hereby certify that this report is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Corporate Officer's Signature:							
Title:							
	ne:						
Date:							
Name and T	itle of Preparer:		•				
Company:							
Address:							
Telephone: E-Mail Address:							
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APPENDIX B

IC327 REPORT OF INDEMNITY PAYMENTS EXHIBIT A to SEMI-ANNUAL PREMIUM TAX REPORT

Reporting Entity Name:								
Reporting Period:		January 1 - June 30	(Year)					
		July 1 - December 31	(Year)					
Date of	f Preparation:							
1.	Total Claims:							
2.	Total Number of Indemnity Claims:							
3.	Payments Made During the Reporting Period on Indemnity Claims:							
a.	Total Amount of All Payments (including Medical):							
b.	Total Amount of All Indemnity Payments:							
	Certification							
State of	f)						
) ss.	<u> </u>					
County	of)	<u> </u>					
I,, being first duly sworn on oath, state that I have read the foregoing report which sets forth certain information relating to indemnity payments made during the reporting period, that I know the contents, and that I certify the report is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.								
Signature of Preparer								
Title of Preparer								
SUBSC	CRIBED AND SWOR	N to before me on this	day of					
Notary Public for								
Residing at								
	My term expires:							