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WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes
March 23, 2012

LABI 9:30a.m. – 12:00p.m. – Discussion of 2012 Legislation

Members Present:

Wes Hataway, Chair
Dr. Hank Eiserloh
Greg Hubachek
Chuck Davoli
Troy Prevot
Dickie Patterson
Clark Cosse
Dr. Mark Kruse
Ray Peters
Eddie Crawford
Denis Juge
Jim Patterson
Ken Hawkins
Julie Cherry
Dr. Dan Gallagher

Members Absent:

Dr. Jim Quillin
Michael Morris

HB 931 – Bishop – Amends LRS 23:1306, to require insurers/WC administrators to submit employer reported data to the OWCA electronically.

PASSED FAVORABLY AS AMENDED

Public Comment: NONE

SB 367 – Riser – Amends LRS 23:1142 to include UR companies under the definition of payor; amends RS 23:1203E to require the payor to provide the employee with information for appealing the denial of medical treatment as provided in RS 23:1203.1.

PASSED FAVORABLY AS AMENDED

Public Comment: Joseph Jolissaint, Attorney
Jill Breard, LWCC

HB 733 – Lorusso – Enact LRS 23:1169.1 to require that certain employers file a verification of compliance securing employees compensation with the secretary of state.

DIRECTOR WILL SPEAK TO REP. LORUSSO

Public Comment:

SB 386 – Ward /HB 671-P.Smith– Provides for payment of medical benefits within 30 days rather than 60 days contingent upon medical providers' adoption and utilization of electronic billing rules and regulations.

PASSED FAVORABLY AS AMENDED

Public Comment: Jill Breard, LWCC

HB 360 – Broadwater – Amend and re-enact RS 23:1310.13. Re-employment and training fund for injured workers.

MAKE RECOMMENDATION TO REP. BROADWATER TO CONVERT TO RESOLUTION

Public Comment: Trey Mustian, attorney

HB 572/SB 440 – Jackson/Morrell – Amend and reenact 23:1226(C)(2) – Rehabilitation services for disabled employees.

VOTE FAILS. 67%. DIRECTOR WILL REPORT TO COMMITTEE

Public Comment: Steve Diest, Diest & Assoc., Wayne Fontana, attorney; Dale Cronin, attorney

HB666/SB293 – Edwards/Murray – Amend and reenact 23:1310.3(F) – Provides for jurisdiction for retaliatory discharge claims.

DEFERRED TO 4-5-12 MEETING

Public Comment:None

HB 669/SB 476 – Barrow/Murray – increase the monetary limit for prior authorization for non-emergency medical treatment

FAILED 58%. DIRECTOR WILL REPORT TO COMMITTEE

Public Comment: None

HB 903/SB 607 – Jackson/Peterson – Amend and reenact 23:1226(A), (B), (D) and (E), and enact RS 23:1227 – vocational rehabilitation; provide for functional capacity evaluation testing.

DEFERRED TO 4-5-12 MEETING

Public Comment: Jill Breard, LWCC; Wayne Fontana, attorney; Luane Robison, OT

SB 511 -Donahue – amend and reenact 23:1035(A) and enact 23:1035.3 – provide for exceptions for workers' compensation coverage; to require workers' compensation for certain individuals; provide waiver of coverage in certain circumstances.

DEFERRED TO 4-5-12

Public Comment: None

HB 301 – Broadwater – Const. Amend. – Civil service status and terms of service for workers' compensation judges.

FAILS 50%

Public Comment: Jenny Barber Valois, opposed/ Barber Law Firm; Mark Riley, attorney, opposed; Dale Cronin, LMA, in support;

Other Business

Next meeting will be Thursday April 5, 2012, 1:30 – 4:00 at LABI.

Adjourn