



# STATE OF NEBRASKA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT

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## **PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC MEETING**

**DECEMBER 14, 2016**

### **AGENDA**

Proposals to amend the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court Rules of Procedure as shown in the draft copies dated November 10, 2016, as follows:

1. Amend Rule 5, *Interpreters*, to provide deadlines for submission of the Request for Interpreter and for the affidavit affirming selection of an interpreter, and to require that the affidavit state the name of the interpreter and the date of the legal proceeding.
2. Adopt a new Rule 12, *Withdrawal of Counsel*, to set forth the procedure for withdrawing as the attorney of record in a case.
3. Amend Rule 26, *Schedules of Fees for Medical, Surgical, and Hospital Services*, to adopt a new Schedule of Fees for Medical Services with an effective date of January 1, 2017. The new schedule will include 2017 CPT codes and relative value units established by CMS for calendar year 2017; conversion factors for the schedule will be determined in accordance with Rule 26,B,2,e,ii. Rule 26 would also be amended to establish Medicare Diagnostic Related Groups to be included in the Diagnostic Related Group inpatient hospital fee schedule effective January 1, 2017.
4. Amend Rule 63, *Independent Medical Examiner Selection*, to provide that once an independent medical examiner has been assigned, submission of additional questions by either party shall not be allowed without prior approval of the court.
5. Amend Rule 73, *Self-Insurance Security*, to provide that no security will be released for at least two years after the last payment to or on behalf of the claimant on any and all claims arising during the period the employer was approved for self-insurance.