

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE RULES, REGULATIONS AND FEE SCHEDULE OF THE WYOMING WORKERS' COMPENSATION DIVISION

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Wyoming Workers' Compensation Division is proposing changes that will affect the Division's rules, regulations and fee schedule. These proposals include modifications to the *Wyoming Workers' Compensation Rules, Regulations and Fee Schedules*. The Workers' Compensation Division last updated Chapter 4 – Injury Report Procedure on 4/2/2004.

The Wyoming Workers' Compensation Division proposes to delete the rule header, update formatting, and add specific language on electronic signatures in Section 2 – Contents of the Worker's Report. This will allow uniformity in all of the Division's rules. It also documents the acceptance of electronic signatures on the injury report, citing W.S. § 40-21-107. Wyoming Workers' Compensation Chapter 4 – Injury Report Procedure rules were last updated on 4/2/2004.

Specific changes to Chapter 4 – Injury Report Procedure include:

Section 2 – Contents of the Worker's Report

(o) The report form shall be signed and dated by the worker, or his personal representative if the worker is incapacitated.

Added to (o):

(i) Acceptance of legal recognition of electronic records; electronic signatures and electronic contracts (W.S. § 40-21-107) includes:

(A) A record or signature may not be denied legal effect or enforceability solely because it is in electronic form.

(B) A contract may not be denied legal effect or enforceability solely because an electronic record was used in its formation.

(C) If a law requires a record to be in writing, an electronic record satisfies the law.

(D) If a law requires a signature, an electronic signature satisfies the law.

Written comments should be submitted to the following address by **May 25, 2022**.

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A public comment period will end at close of business on **May 25, 2022**.

Copies may be obtained by submitting a written request to the Division, with pre-payment by personal check or money order for the total number of copies requested; the fee for each copy is \$4.00. The proposed rules may be downloaded, free of charge, from the Department of Workforce Services (DWS) at:

<http://www.wyomingworkforce.org/news/publicnotices/>