

	Statute/Rule	Topic	Proposal	Source	Date
1.	102.13(1)(b)	Reports from Examining Practitioners & Vocational Experts	Require practitioners and vocational experts who examine employees at the request of employers and insurance carriers to simultaneously forward a copy of their report to the injured employee or his/her attorney at the same time the report is forwarded to the party that commissioned the report.	Attorney John Edmondson	Letter 5/6/09
2.	1. No Current Statute or Rule 2.102.17(1)(d) 3. No Current Statute or Rule	1. Medical Record Reviews 2. Opinions of Physicians & Psychologists 3. Opinions of Practitioners	1. Medical record reviews must be confined to the medical records related to the injury claimed by the employee and may not be the sole factor in any worker's compensation decision. 2. Physicians and psychologists cannot base opinions on psychological conditions without reference to the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders and opinions must be based upon direct and personal contact with the employee. 3. In cases where employees allege injuries based upon exposure to toxic substances in the workplace the medical evaluator must be qualified in the toxicology of the chemical exposure alleged by the employee.	Attorney Walter Stern	Letter 7/28/09
3.	1.No Current Statute or Rule 2. 102.50	1. Fund for Grief Counseling 2. Burial Expense	1. In cases where an employee who has no dependents is murdered while on the job funds should be provided to the county in which the employee resided to establish a victim's fund to be used for grief counseling for members of the deceased employee's family. 2. Increase the amount of burial expense to cover all reasonable burial expenses including headstone and burial plot.	Representative Peter Barca	Letter 1/21/10

4.	102.18(2)	Administrative Law Judges	Authorize the department to hire reserve judges to serve as temporary administrative law judges for the Worker's Compensation Division.	Wisconsin Judicial Conference	Resolution 10/21/10
5.	1. 102.03(2) 2. 102.46 & 102.49(5)	1.Exclusive Remedy 2. Death Benefits	1. Create an exception to the exclusive remedy provision of the Worker's Compensation Act to allow the parents of a minor who is killed on job to sue the employer for damages. 2. In cases where the employee is a minor who has no dependents dies as a result of a work-related injury provide for payment of death benefits to the surviving parent(s) instead of the Work Injury Supplemental Benefit Fund.	Senator Neal Kedzie	Letter 12/1/08
6.	102.13(2)(a)	Medical Records	Require employers, worker's compensation insurance carriers, and their representatives to provide copies of records and disclosed information, medical or other, obtained with the use of an authorization signed by the employee upon written request of the employee at no charge to the employee within 10 days of the request. This proposal also includes that an employee is not required to sign an authorization.	Attorney Patricia Sandoz	Letter 12/2/10 & WCAC Public Hearing 12/13/10
7.	102.26(2) & 80.43(2)	Attorney Fess	Allow attorney fees of 20% on unpaid medical expense and on medical bills paid by the employee.	Attorney Michael Gillick, Co-Chair Wisconsin Association for Justice WC Committee	WCAC Public Hearing 12/13/10
8.	102.17(1)(d)1	Physician Assistants	Allow physician assistants to render opinions in worker's compensation cases on the cause and extent of disability.	Clark Collins, MPAS, PA-C President Wisconsin Academy of Physician Assistants	Letter 12/21/10

9.	<p>1. 102.50</p> <p>2. 102.46 & 102.49 (5)</p> <p>3. No Current Statute or Rule</p>	<p>1. Burial Expense</p> <p>2. Death Benefits</p> <p>3. State-Wide Survivors Fund</p>	<p>1. The burial expense should be increased to provide funding for the actual costs to a maximum of \$20,000 and for the Worker's Compensation Advisory Council to review this amount every five (5) years to determine that it remains at an appropriate level to reflect actual end of life costs.</p> <p>2. The amount of death benefits for the work-related deaths of young adults under age 27 should be same regardless of whether the employee has dependents.</p> <p>3. Establish a state-wide survivors fund. The revenue for the fund will be from the difference in the amount of death benefits payable for a young adult with dependents and the amount payable to unestranged parents. The purpose of the fund will be for the families of deceased young adults to obtain financial assistance to pay for counseling services and debts of the deceased. If the fund is established consider naming it in honor of Mr. Robbie Wilde.</p>	Representative Peter Barca	Letter 12/23/10
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10.	<p>1.102.26(2) & 80.43(2)</p> <p>2.No Current Statute or Rule</p> <p>3.102.34(5)</p> <p>4.102.18(1)(b)</p> <p>5.102.13(2)(a)</p> <p>6.No Current Statute or Rule</p>	<p>1. Attorney Fess</p> <p>2. Sick Pay</p> <p>3. Wages Earned While Attending Vocational Rehabilitation Training</p> <p>4.Interlocutory Orders</p> <p>5. Medical Records</p> <p>6. Independent Medical Examination</p>	<p>1. Allow the payment of attorney fees on medical expense for which other payment sources are not available, and on medical expenses paid by injured employees.</p> <p>2. Create a rule that provides for deducting the net amount of sick pay received by an injured employee rather than the gross amount of sick pay from awards for temporary disability.</p> <p>3. Eliminate the reduction in compensation for temporary total disability for employees who are receiving compensation for vocational rehabilitation training based on earnings from part-time employment.</p> <p>4. Provide statutory authority for issuing prospective orders for vocational rehabilitation training.</p> <p>5. Require employers, worker's compensation insurance carriers and their representatives to provide copies of records and disclosed information, medical or other, obtained with the use of an authorization signed by the employee upon written request of the employee at no charge to the employee within 10 days of the request.</p> <p>6. Eliminate the term "independent medical examination " from any communication concerning requests for examinations of employees by employers and worker's compensation insurance carriers.</p>	<p>Attorney Michael Gillick, Co-Chair Wisconsin Association for Justice, WC Committee</p>	<p>Letter 12/27/10</p>
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