

	Statute/Rule	Topic	Proposal	Source	Date
1.	1. 80.02 2. 102.22(1) 3. No Current Statute or Rule	1. Insurance Company Response Time 2. Penalty for Delay of Payment 3. Attorney Representation in Small WC Claims	1. Set a time limit of 10 business days for insurance companies to respond on decisions about making payments. 2. The amount of penalty for delays in payment should be increased from a percentage of the award to a multiplication of the award. 3. There should be a way for attorneys to represent employees who have small WC claims.	Mr. Mike Kiefer	Letter 4/29/07
2.	102.16(2) & 102.16(2m) 80.72(2)(k) & 80.73(2)(d)	Reasonableness of Health Care Fees & Necessity of Treatment	Add prosthetic practitioners as a provider or health care provider as a party who has standing to file reasonableness of fee and necessity of treatment disputes with the Department.	Mr. Jake R. Wood Prosthetic Practitioner & Past President Wisconsin Society of Orthotists, Prosthetists and Pedorthotists	Letters 4/14/08 & 4/30/08
3.	No Current Statute or Rule	Continuation of Health Insurance	Employees should continue to receive affordable health insurance benefits after being injured at work and receiving worker's compensation benefits.	Rep. Samantha Kerkman	Letter 5/30/08

4.	<p>1.102.11(1) & 102.44(1)</p> <p>2. No Current Statute or Rule</p> <p>3. No Current Statute or Rule</p> <p>4. 102.26(2)</p> <p>5. 102.44(5)</p>	<p>1. Benefit Rate Increases for permanent Total Disability</p> <p>2. Health Insurance</p> <p>3. Pension</p> <p>4. Attorney Fees</p> <p>5. Social Security Offset</p>	<p>1. Implement regular benefit rate increases in the compensation payable to employees receiving permanent total disability.</p> <p>2. Insurance companies should provide health insurance benefits to permanently injured employees.</p> <p>3. Insurance companies should set up pension funds for permanently injured employees.</p> <p>4. Establish a new method for deduction of attorney fees from compensation.</p> <p>5. Eliminate deduction of compensation benefits resulting from Social Security overpayments.</p>	Ms. Donna Mullaly	Letter 10/5/08
5.	102.29(1)	Third Party Settlements	<p>Limit distribution of proceeds from third party settlements to worker's compensation insurance carriers to the claims supported by their defense medical examination reports. These examinations typically support the employee's condition is not incident related or only temporary in nature. This proposal is to address liability insurance carriers using these examinations to deflate or decrease the value of the third party claim.</p>	Attorney William Wolf	Letter 12/1/08

6.	<p>1. 80.02</p> <p>2. 80.02</p> <p>3. 102.11(1) & 102.44(1)</p> <p>4. 102.11(1)</p> <p>5. 102.26(2)</p> <p>6. 102.44(5)</p> <p>7. No Current Statute or Rule</p> <p>8. 102.13(1) & 102.17(1)</p>	<p>1. Communication from WCD to Employees and Other Agencies About Social Security Overpayments</p> <p>2. Notice of Appeals and Hearings</p> <p>3. Cost of Living Increases for Permanent Total Disability</p> <p>4. Benefit Rate</p> <p>5. Attorney Fees and Costs</p> <p>6. Overpayments</p> <p>7. Advocate for Injured Employees</p> <p>8. Require Use of Injured Employee's Medical Records</p>	<p>1. A better system of communication should be set up between different agencies involved with worker's compensation cases, including the Social Security Administration, so that all parties are aware of the Social Security offset requirement.</p> <p>2. Explain in writing to injured employees all appeal and hearing requirements.</p> <p>3. Employees receiving compensation for permanent total disability should receive annual cost of living increases for inflation.</p> <p>4. Employees who are permanently totally disabled should receive a compensation benefit rate that is 100% of their take home pay at the time of the accident after taxes.</p> <p>5. Worker's compensation insurance companies should pay attorney fees and all costs incurred by injured employees when their actions interfere with injured employees receiving benefits they are entitled to receive.</p> <p>6. Eliminate overpayments for employees resulting from Social Security offsets.</p> <p>7. The State of Wisconsin should provide an advocate for injured employees who will help guide them through the system, help with paper work requirements and answer questions.</p> <p>8. Mandate that worker's compensation insurance companies must use medical records from the doctors and therapists who treat injured employees and that the insurance companies should not be allowed to force injured employees to meet with representatives of the insurance companies.</p>	Mr. Donald Craig	<p>12/3/08 WCAC Public Hearing Madison</p> <p>& Letter 12/11/08</p>
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7.	1. 102.43(5) & 102.61(1) 2. 102.15(3) No Current Rule	1. Vocational Rehabilitation Retraining 2. Record Hearings	1. Eliminate the offset on compensation for wages earned by employees working full or part-time while they are attending school for vocational rehabilitation retraining. 2. Adopt an administrative rule that allows a party or the public to record proceedings at worker's compensation hearings in a non-disruptive fashion.	Attorney John Edmondson	Letter 12/12/08
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