

## Basic adjuster's training pre-test

### Section 1

1. The waiting period is counted in three consecutive calendar days. True False
2. The boxes containing lost-time information on the NOPLD do not need to be completed in cases where liability is denied. True False
3. All injuries must be reported to the Department of Labor and Industry. True False
4. Payment or denial is due within 10 days from the first day of lost time. True False
5. There are situations where it is appropriate to accept liability for payment of medical expenses, but deny liability for payment of wage loss benefits. True False

### Section 2

6. The compensation rate for temporary total disability is generally what fraction of the employee's average weekly wage?  
a) 3/4 b) 2/3 c) 1/3 d) 1/5
7. The waiting period is compensable if the employee loses time on or after the \_\_\_ calendar day from the first day of lost time?  
a) 5<sup>th</sup> b) 9<sup>th</sup> c) 10<sup>th</sup> d) 14<sup>th</sup>
8. As of Oct. 1, 2008, what is the maximum amount of weeks an injured employee can receive temporary total disability (TTD) benefits?  
a) 52 b) 100 c) 130 d) 225
9. What form is filed to show a proposed discontinuance or reduction in the employee's temporary total disability wage loss benefits?  
a) NOPLD b) NOID c) NOBR d) ISR
10. If an employee's current earnings fluctuate, temporary partial benefits are due within \_\_\_ days of when the employee or employer sends wage verification.  
a) 3 b) 7 c) 10 d) 14
11. Statutory permanent total disability (PTD) includes:  
a) loss of vision in both eyes  
b) loss of one arm at the shoulder  
c) loss of one leg at the hip  
d) partial loss of mental faculties  
e) none of the above

12. The statutory formula for combining multiple PPD ratings is:
- A - B (1 + A)
  - A - B (1 - A)
  - A + B (1 - A)
13. PPD can be paid concurrently with:
- TTD
  - TPD
  - PTD
  - a and b
  - b and c
14. If an employee was injured on Oct. 4, 2001, and received a 21 percent PPD rating, the amount owed is:
- \$15,750
  - \$19,950
  - \$95,000
15. An employee who receives two PPD ratings from combinable categories in the schedule (10 percent and 3 percent) the percentage is:
- 6.3 percent
  - 7 percent
  - 12.7 percent
  - 13 percent

### Section 3

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| 16. Health care providers are required to provide prior notification of treatment that departs from a parameter.   | True | False |
| 17. Medical data related to a current claim for compensation may not be released to the employer or insurer without written authorization from the employee. | True | False |
| 18. A health care provider must be reimbursed for providing information on the <i>Report of Work Ability</i> (RWA) form.                                     | True | False |
| 19. An insurer is not generally liable for charges from a health care provider for services and that do not comply with treatment parameter rules.           | True | False |
| 20. The maximum amount of reimbursement for health care services is determined by the fee schedule in effect on the injured worker's date of injury.         | True | False |

## Section 4

21. When is an insurer required to file a *Disability Status Report* form with the department?
- Within 14 days of knowledge that the employee's disability is likely to exceed 13 weeks.
  - When the employee did not return to work after the injury and remains off work at 90 days after the date of injury.
  - Within 14 days after receiving a request for a rehabilitation consultation.
  - All of the above.
22. When does an employee's "automatic" right to choose the QRC end?
- Sixty days after the first in-person meeting with the QRC.
  - When all parties sign the rehabilitation plan.
  - Sixty days after the rehabilitation plan is filed with the department.
  - The employee has the right to choose the QRC at any time without restriction.
23. For dates of injury on or after Oct. 1, 2000, a request for retraining must be filed with the department before:
- 104 weeks have elapsed from the date of injury.
  - 156 weeks have elapsed from the date of injury.
  - 104 weeks of temporary total benefits have been paid.
  - 156 weeks of temporary total and/or temporary partial benefits have been paid.
24. An insurer who questions the employee's entitlement to ongoing rehabilitation benefits should:
- File a *Rehabilitation Request* form to have the rehabilitation plan terminated.
  - File a *Notice of Intention to Discontinue Benefits* (NOID) form.
  - Instruct the QRC to close the rehabilitation plan.
  - File an R-8 *Notice of Rehabilitation Plan Closure* form with the department.
25. Under what circumstances may a rehabilitation vendor provide job placement assistance to an injured worker when there is no assigned QRC?
- Only if the employee has missed less than 90 days of work due to the work injury.
  - For no more than 60 days.
  - Registered rehabilitation vendors are not allowed to provide job placement services to injured workers unless there is a rehabilitation plan developed by a QRC.
  - Only for follow-up services.

## Section 5

26. If you receive a penalty and have no factual basis to object to the penalty, payment is due within \_\_\_\_ days.
- 10
  - 30
  - 45

27. If you object to the penalty, the *Objection to Penalty Assessment* form must be filed within \_\_\_\_\_ days.
- a) 10
  - b) 30
  - c) 45
28. Penalties for late filing of a *First Report of Injury* form can be assessed against:
- a) an employer
  - b) a self-insured employer
  - c) an insurance company
  - d) all of the above
29. The penalty for the sixth violation for nonresponse to a department request is:
- a) \$1,000
  - b) \$2,000
  - c) \$3,000
30. The penalty for filing a nonspecific denial of liability is \_\_\_\_\_ per violation.
- a) \$100
  - b) \$300
  - c) \$500
  - d) \$1,000

## Section 6

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| 31. Minnesota Statutes 176.261 <i>requires</i> the department to make efforts to resolve disputes in workers' compensation claims.   | True | False |
| 32. Mediation is voluntary and may be terminated by any party or the mediator.   | True | False |
| 33. Any party who disagrees with a decision of the department in a workers' compensation matter can request a formal hearing at the Office of Administrative Hearings any time after the decision is issued. | True | False |
| 34. Workers' compensation disputes are adversarial and must be litigated to be resolved.   | True | False |
| 35. Mediations, nonconference decisions, administrative conferences, certification of disputes and the "Hotline" information line are all methods of ADR available at the department.                        | True | False |

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