NOTICE OF SUBMISSION OF EXEMPT RULES PROPOSED FOR ADOPTION WITHOUT A PUBLIC HEARING TO THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

Amendments to Rules Governing Workers' Compensation Independent Medical Examination Fees, Minnesota Rules, chapter 5219; and Workers' Compensation Medical Services and Fees, Minnesota Rules, chapter 5221

In accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 14.388, subdivision 2, this notice is being sent to all persons who have registered their name with the agency under Minnesota Statutes, section 14.14, subdivision 1a. This notice, a copy of the proposed rule amendments and a statement of support for adoption are also posted on the website of the Department of Labor and Industry at http://www.dli.mn.gov/PDF/docket/5219_5221_1216_docket.pdf.

Please take notice that the above-cited rules proposed for adoption will be submitted to the Office of Administrative Hearings on January 30, 2017. A copy of the rule modification is attached to this notice.

All interested persons have until 4:30 p.m. on February 6, 2017, to submit comments to the Office of Administrative Hearings via its e-comments website at <u>https://minnesotaoah.granicusideas.com/discussions</u> or by mail at P.O. Box 64620, St. Paul, MN 55164-0620.

The Department of Labor and Industry is using the good cause exemption process under Minnesota Statutes, section 14.388, subd. 1, clauses (3) and (4), to amend the independent medical examination fee schedule in Minnesota Rules, chapter 5219; the relative value fee schedule in Minnesota Rules, parts 5221.0100 to 5221.4061; and the pharmacy fee schedule in Minnesota Rules, part 5221.4070.

The proposed amendments:

- make wording, formatting and renumbering changes recommended by the Office of the Revisor of Statutes that do not alter the sense, meaning, or effect of the rule; and
 - incorporate specific changes set forth in the following statutes when no interpretation of law is required:
 - changes in Minn. Stat. § 176.135 and Minn. Stat. § 62J governing electronic submission and payment of workers' compensation medical bills; and
 - changes in Minn. Stat. §§ 176.136 and 176.1362 related to billing and payment of workers' compensation hospital bills.

For questions concerning the rules or for special accommodation, contact Ethan Landy at the Department of Labor and Industry, 443 Lafayette Road N., St. Paul, Minnesota 55155, telephone (651) 284-5302, email dlirules@state.mn.us.

Date: January 25, 2017

<u>s/Ethan Landy</u>

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