

**Department of Labor and Industry rulemaking docket**

**Contact person:** Contact the person listed for the rule in the table below for additional information about the rules, to receive rule notices, to receive rule drafts if available, to provide comments, or to view comments or requests for hearing that have been submitted.

<b>Workers' compensation treatment parameter amendments governing long-term treatment with opioid analgesic medication; Minn. Rules, parts 5221.6040, 5221.6105 and 5221.6110</b>	
<b>Subject matter</b>	The Department of Labor and Industry is considering adopting rule amendments to the workers' compensation treatment parameters related to long-term use of opioids for intractable pain.
<b>Contact person</b>	All written comments, questions and requests:  Kate Berger <a href="mailto:dli.rules@state.mn.us">dli.rules@state.mn.us</a> Phone: (651) 284-5006 Fax: (651) 284-5725
<b>Published notices and comment periods</b>	The Request for Comments was published in the <i>State Register</i> on Nov. 12, 2013; the document can be viewed at <a href="http://www.comm.media.state.mn.us/bookstore/stateregister/38_20.pdf">www.comm.media.state.mn.us/bookstore/stateregister/38_20.pdf</a> .  The Dual Notice of Intent to Adopt was published in the <i>State Register</i> on March 16, 2015; the document can be viewed at <a href="http://www.comm.media.state.mn.us/bookstore/stateregister/39_37.pdf">www.comm.media.state.mn.us/bookstore/stateregister/39_37.pdf</a> .  The comment period ended at 4:30 p.m. CDT on April 15, 2015. The department received five comments, including one request for hearing, which are available for review from the contact person above.
<b>Availability of rule draft(s)</b>	The rules governing long-term use of opioid analgesics is available at <a href="http://www.dli.mn.gov/PDF/docket/5221Draft2.pdf">www.dli.mn.gov/PDF/docket/5221Draft2.pdf</a> . (Modifications from the rules as proposed are underlined.)
<b>Statement of Need and Reasonableness</b>	The Statement of Need and Reasonableness (SONAR) is available at <a href="http://www.dli.mn.gov/PDF/docket/5221Sonar.pdf">www.dli.mn.gov/PDF/docket/5221Sonar.pdf</a> .
<b>Documents referenced in the SONAR</b>	Documents referenced in the SONAR are either linked in the footnotes or are available at <a href="http://www.dli.mn.gov/RulemakingWCReferences.asp">www.dli.mn.gov/RulemakingWCReferences.asp</a> .
<b>Requests for hearing; date and place of hearing</b>	The department did not receive 25 or more requests for hearing by the end of the comment period so the public hearing was canceled.
<b>Date the rule was filed with Secretary of State and the effective date of the rule as adopted</b>	The rules as modified were approved by the Administrative Law Judge on June 9, 2015, and were filed with the Secretary of State on June 22, 2015. The Notice of Adoption was published in the <i>State Register</i> on July 6, 2015. The effective date of the rules was July 13, 2015. The document can be viewed at <a href="http://www.comm.media.state.mn.us/bookstore/stateregister/40_01.pdf">www.comm.media.state.mn.us/bookstore/stateregister/40_01.pdf</a> .