

Annual List of Rulemaking Activity
Rules Adopted January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018
Prepared by the Secretary of State pursuant to 5 MRS §8053-A, sub-§5

Agency name: **Workers' Compensation Board**
Umbrella-Unit: **90-351**
Statutory authority: 39-A MRS §§ 101 *et seq.*
Chapter number/title: **Ch. 1,** Payment of Benefits
Ch. 2, Section 213 Compensation for Partial Incapacity
Ch. 3, Form Filing
Ch. 4, Independent Medical Examiner
Ch. 5, Medical Fees; Reimbursement Levels; Reporting Requirements
Ch. 6, Rehabilitation
Ch. 7, Utilization Review, Treatment Guidelines, Permanent Impairment
Ch. 8, Procedures for Payment
Ch. 9, Procedures for Coordination of Benefits
Ch. 12, Formal Hearings
Ch. 13, Rules of Appellate Division
Ch. 14, Review by Full Board
Ch. 15, Penalties
Ch. 16, Confidentiality of Files
Ch. 18, Examinations by Impartial Physician(s)
Pursuant to 39-A MRSA Section 611
Filing number: **2018-122 thru 136**
Effective date: 9/1/2018
Type of rule: Routine Technical
Emergency rule: No

Principal reason or purpose for rule:

To ensure that the Act and rules are consistent and clarify procedures regarding the processing and resolution of claims arising under the Act.

Basis statement:

The changes define terms, prescribe forms and clarify procedures regarding the processing and payment of workers' compensation claims.

Fiscal impact of rule:

None.

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Umbrella-Unit: **90-351**
Statutory authority: 39-A MRS §§ 101, 209-A
Chapter number/title: **Ch. 5**, Medical Fees; Reimbursement Levels; Reporting Requirements
Filing number: **2018-268**
Effective date: 1/1/2019
Type of rule: Routine Technical
Emergency rule: No

Principal reason or purpose for rule:

Pursuant to 39-A MRS §209-A(5), every three years the Board must undertake a comprehensive review of the medical fee schedule.

Basis statement:

Pursuant to 39-A MRS §209-A(5), every three years the Board must undertake a comprehensive review of the medical fee schedule. The amendments incorporate changes designed to ensure both broad access to care and appropriate limitations on the cost of health care services.

Fiscal impact of rule:

None.