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MEMORANDUM

TO: Kentucky Workers' Compensation Stakeholders

FROM: Robert L. Swisher, Commissioner

DATE: April 1, 2020

RE: Extension of Cancellation of In-Person Proceedings

On March 6, 2020, Governor Beshear entered Executive Order 2020-215 and declared a state of emergency in response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) emergency in the Commonwealth.

On March 12, 2020, in order to further protect the health and safety of Department of Workers' Claims ("DWC") staff, Administrative Law Judges, court reporters, attorneys, and parties, the DWC cancelled all in-person Benefit Review Conferences and Hearings through April 20, 2020, with exceptions for emergency circumstances.

In light of the continuing state of emergency, all in-person Benefit Review Conferences

and Hearings are hereby cancelled through May 17, 2020. Administrative Law Judges may temporarily use telephonic or video technology for necessary proceedings. The DWC will issue such further directives as may be appropriate.

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