DEPARTMENT OF WORKERS’ CLAIMS POLICY REGARDING COURT REPORTERS AND REMOTE DEPOSITIONS


For the same reason, on March 12, 2020, Chief Justice Minton issued Order 2020-08 and directed that, with exception for certain emergency matters, “all in-person appearances for civil and criminal dockets shall be cancelled,” in the Commonwealth’s justice centers.

In light of these actions, and to protect the health and safety of Department of Workers’ Claims staff, Administrative Law Judges, court reporters, attorneys, and parties, all in-person Benefit Review Conferences and Hearings have been cancelled through April 20, 2020, with exceptions for emergency circumstances. Administrative Law Judges will temporarily use telephonic or video technology for necessary proceedings.

In order to further protect the health and safety of court reporters, attorneys, and parties, it is the express policy of the Department of Workers’ Claims that during the period of the state
of emergency, application of 803 KAR 25:010, Section 17 (2) shall be suspended to the extent
that court reporters may take depositions while not physically present with the deponent
provided that the attorney for the deponent shall certify on the record the identity of the
deponent. For depositions of individuals other than parties, the attorney taking the deposition
shall certify on the record the identity of the deponent.

Questions may be directed to Commissioner Robert L. Swisher at 502.782.4535 or
Chief ALJ Douglas W. Gott at 270.746.7178; to the assigned ALJ, whose contact email
information is listed on the DWC website; or to a DWC specialist at 502.564.5550.

Additional information is available at http://labor.ky.gov/comp Department of Workers' Claims is located at The Mayo-Underwood Building, 500 Mero Street, Frankfort, KY 40601. Other questions concerning Department of Workers' Claims can be addressed by calling (502) 564-5550.

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