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You Have a Right to a Mediation Conference

- A mediation conference is an informal meeting of the parties with a neutral person, called a mediator, who attempts to resolve the issues in dispute.
- The Office of Workers' Compensation mediators are licensed attorneys who are specially trained in the mediation process with knowledge of resolution techniques and experienced in workers' compensation law.
- The Office of Workers' Compensation mediators assist the parties in a workers' compensation dispute in settling claims before they are heard by a workers' compensation judge.
- Your right to a mediation conference exists both prior to as well as after a Disputed Claim for Compensation (LWC-WC 1008) is filed. A mediation conference requested prior to the filing of a Disputed Claim for Compensation (LWC-WC 1008) is referred to as a "pre-1008" mediation conference and a mediation conference requested after the filing of a Disputed Claim for Compensation (LWC-WC 1008) is referred to as a "post-1008" mediation conference.
- Parties who agree to a mediation conference may make a request, in writing, to any of the Office of Workers' Compensation mediators listed on this page.
- Upon receipt of a written request, your selected mediator will contact the parties to schedule the mediation conference at a time that is convenient to all parties. The mediation conference will take place in the district where the selected mediator is located.
- If the claim is not resolved by mediation, one of two things can happen: (1) if the mediation conference was held prior to filing a Disputed Claim for Compensation (LWC-WC 1008), the injured worker then must file a Disputed Claim for Compensation (LWC-WC 1008) to preserve any rights he may have to receive workers' compensation benefits; or (2) if the mediation conference was held after the filing of a Disputed Claim for Compensation (LWC-WC 1008), the disputed claim then will proceed to a trial on the merits before a workers' compensation judge.
- Any party may request additional mediation conferences at any time in the process, but all parties must agree to the mediation conference, unless it is ordered by a workers' compensation judge.
- Your right to a mediation conference is in accordance with Revised Statute 23:1310.3(D).
- Please feel free to contact any Office of Workers' Compensation mediator if you have questions regarding your right to a mediation conference.