

## 2010 AMENDMENTS TO CH. DWD 80 WIS ADMIN CODE

AUDIO RECORDINGS OF HEARINGS: This is a new section, to be numbered 80.13, and it will allow the parties to make audio recordings of WC hearings. The rule requires that such recordings be done in a non-obstructive and non-disruptive manner. The anticipated effective date of this change is February 2014.

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION: The terminology in the following sections, 80.49 (4) (a), 80.49 (6) (b), and 80.49 (11) (a), will be updated for retraining plans, vocational specialists, and addresses for vocational certifying organizations.

WRAP UP INSURANCE: Sections 80.61 (3) (c) 1 and 2 concerning wrap up insurance contains references to outdated Department forms. The rule will be amended to remove those references.

UNINSURED EMPLOYERS FUND [UEF]: Section 80.62 (8) provides that the Department report to the governor and presiding officers of each house information about the UEF. As the rule has not been used for many years, the rules will be amended to repeal this reporting requirement.

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OR TERMINATION: Section 102.31 (2) (a), Stats., provides, generally, that the notice of cancellation, termination, or nonrenewal of a worker's compensation policy shall be given in "in a medium approved by the department." This rule amendment, to be numbered 80.65, will provide the "medium" approved by the Department for the cancellation, termination, and non-renewal of WC insurance policies issued to Professional Employer Organizations (PEOs) and employee leasing companies

NECESSITY OF TREATMENT DISPUTES: Currently, 80.73 (3) (a) 5, regarding the health service necessity of treatment dispute resolution process, requires that the insurer or self-insurer gives the provider the reason that it believes the treatment was unnecessary, including the organization and credentials of any person who provides supporting medical documentation. The rule will amended to provide that the insurer or self-insurer will also be required to provide of copy of the reviewing doctor's report to the health care service provider when providing notice that the treatment is denied as unnecessary.

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