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The Bureau of Workers' Compensation (Bureau) is seeking stakeholder input concerning revisions to the Bureau's regulations found at 34 Pa. Code Chapter 121. Proposed rulemaking is being considered because these regulations have not been reviewed in total since the 1970's. Accordingly, the Bureau envisions removing several sections because these sections duplicate other regulations, require clarification and need to be updated to reflect current law or practice.

Importantly, the following changes are envisioned. A new form will be introduced in § 121.16, the Annual Claims Status Report, form LIBC-774, on which insurers and self-insured employers will be required to verify claim status annually. Also in § 121.16, the Statement of Account of Compensation, form LIBC-392, will become a Final Statement of Account of Compensation Paid, form LIBC-392, which must be filed immediately after the final payment of compensation.

Also, a Statement of Wages, form LIBC-494A or LIBC-494C, must be filed with every Notice of Compensation Payable (or amended Notice of Compensation Payable), Notice of Temporary Compensation Payable (or amended Notice of Temporary Compensation Payable), Agreement for Compensation for Disability or Permanent Injury (or amended Agreement for Compensation for Disability or Permanent Injury), and Agreement for Compensation for Death. Additionally, the Bureau envisions that the original forms may be filed as estimated forms.

Further, a new posting will be required by § 121.3b. This posting must contain general workers' compensation information geared toward employees and as set forth in § 121.3b.

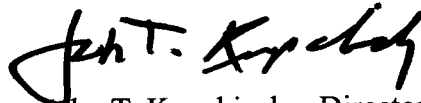
The Department of Labor and Industry and the Bureau are meeting with stakeholders to seek input concerning proposed rulemaking concerning the Bureau's regulations found at 34 Pa. Code Chapter 121. The meeting is scheduled to take place on June 11, 2004, 1:30 pm, Labor and Industry Building, Room E100, 7th and Forster Streets, Harrisburg, PA 17120.

Your association or group is identified as a stakeholder. If you want to address this proposed rulemaking and offer any input, please reserve time at this meeting and submit written testimony or information to me at Bureau of Workers' Compensation, 1171 South Cameron Street, Room 324, Harrisburg, PA 17104, fax (717) 772-0342, jkupchinsk@state.pa.us.

Each speaker will be limited to 15 minutes. Statements must be confined to the issues discussed in this letter. Reservations and statement must be submitted no later than June 1, 2004.

The Bureau looks forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John T. Kupchinsky". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "J" and a cursive "Kupchinsky".

John T. Kupchinsky, Director
Bureau of Workers' Compensation