BEFORE THE IOWA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSIONER

IN THE MATTER OF CORONAVIRUS/COVID-19 IMPACT ON HEARINGS	ORDER

1. The Iowa Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) is carefully monitoring the situation regarding the spread of the novel coronavirus/COVID-19.

2. Institutions across the country have implemented proactive measures to help mitigate the spread of the novel coronavirus/COVID-19, including by social distancing.

3. Out of an abundance of caution and in an effort to help mitigate the spread of novel coronavirus/COVID-19, DWC shall cease in-person regular proceeding hearings beginning on Wednesday, March 18, 2020, through at least Tuesday, June 16, 2020.

4. All hearing assignment orders that schedule an in-person regular proceeding hearing to occur during the time period identified in Paragraph 3 of this Order are hereby amended with respect to the method of holding the hearing.

5. All regular proceeding hearings before the Iowa Workers' Compensation Commissioner scheduled for the time period identified in Paragraph 3 of this Order shall be held by Internet-based video, using CourtCall, unless a motion to continue the hearing is filed at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the scheduled start time of the hearing.

6. If, after the date of this Order, the agency grants a continuance of a regular proceeding hearing that was originally scheduled to occur during the time period

identified in Paragraph 3 of this Order, the agency shall reschedule the continued hearing to occur:

a. Between June 22, 2020, and December 18, 2020; and

b. In Des Moines, Iowa.

7. DWC shall pay all fees associated with conducting a hearing using CourtCall between March 18, 2020, and June 16, 2020.

8. For more information about participating in a hearing using CourtCall, please visit: www.iowaworkcomp.gov/courtcall.

9. This Order does not amend any hearing assignment order for a telephone hearing concerning an application for alternate care, independent medical examination (IME), etc. Agency procedures regarding these hearings remain unchanged. They will continue to take place via telephone. However, if a party requests an in-person hearing instead of a telephone hearing to take place during the time period identified in Paragraph 3 of this Order, the hearing will be held via Internet-based video, using CourtCall.

10. As circumstances change, this Order may be updated.

Signed and filed this 13th day of March, 2020.

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