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### **DWC Posts Proposed Copy Service Fee Schedule Regulations to Online Forum for Public Comment**

The Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) has posted proposed Copy Service Fee Schedule regulations to the online forum where members of the public may review and comment on the proposals.

"This Copy Service Fee Schedule will reduce litigation and will provide more certainty to copy service providers and parties in workers' compensation cases. The flat rate will simplify the process and reduce the number of areas of disagreement," said DWC Acting Administrative Director Destie Overpeck.

Senate Bill 863 requires DWC to implement a schedule of reasonable maximum fees for copying and related services. The fee schedule was developed in consultation with the Commission on Health and Safety and Worker's Compensation (CHSWC).

The Copy Service Fee Schedule provides for a maximum flat fee of \$180 for records up to 500 pages and includes all associated services such as pagination, witness fees, and subpoena preparation. For records over 500 pages, an additional fee of 20 cents per page is allowed, with a cap of \$425. Certificates of no record would be payable at a maximum of \$100.

Other proposed changes include allowing DWC to bill \$85 an hour instead of \$40 an hour for electronic requests made under the Public Records Act, to charge \$1 for CDs of these records, and to dispose of paper adjudication documents after 20 years.

The forum can be found online on the [DWC forums](#) web page under "current forums." Comments will be accepted on the forum until 5 p.m. on Monday, February 24.

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