

**AMENDMENTS TO CH. DWD 80 OF THE WIS. ADMIN. CODE
PLAIN LANGUAGE SUMMARY
EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1, 2015**

1. **Payments for Salary Continuation.** The amendment will clarify that WC insurance carriers and self-insured employers are required to report on the WKC-13 when salary continuation payments in lieu of compensation are changed to permanent disability, are reinstated, or ended. DWD 80.02 (e) (intro), 1, 2 and 4.
2. **Final Treating Practitioner's Report.** WC insurance carriers and self-insured employers will be required to file a final treating practitioner's report with the Department in cases where an employee sustained an eye injury requiring medical treatment on three (3) or more occasions outside the employer's premises. DWD 80.02 (2) (e) 4.
3. **Change in Third Party Administrator.** This amendment will require WC insurance carriers and self-insured employers to file an up to date WKC-13 with the new third party administrator for open claims with 26 weeks or more of temporary disability and permanent total disability (PTD) when the WC insurance carrier or self-insured employer changes the third party administrator handling the claim. WC insurance carriers and self-insured employers will be required to file an up to date WKC-13 with the Department upon request made by the Department. DWD 80.02 (2) (e) 5.
4. **Annual Report for PTD & Supplemental Benefits.** The amendment will require WC insurance carriers and self-insured employers to report payments for permanent total disability (PTD) and supplemental benefits by June 30th of each year made during the previous calendar year to the Department on a form prescribed by the Department. DWD 80.02 (2) (k)
5. **Audio Recording of Hearings.** The parties to worker's compensation cases will be permitted to make audio recordings of hearings in a non-obstructive and non-disruptive manner. DWD 80.13
6. **Vocational Rehabilitation.** These amendments will update terminology for retraining plans, vocational specialists and addresses for professional vocational certifying organizations. DWD 80.49 (4) (a), (6) (b) and (11) (a).
7. **Wrap-Up Insurance.** These amendments delete reference to outdated Department forms for approval of wrap-up insurance coverage. DWD 80.61 (3) (c) 1 and 2.
8. **Uninsured Employers Fund.** The requirement for the Department to file quarterly reports about the Uninsured Employers Fund (UEF) to the governor and presiding

officer of each house of the legislature is repealed because the reports are no longer required by statute. DWD 80.62 (8).

9. **Notice of Cancellation, Termination or Non-renewal.** This amendment provides that notice of cancellation of worker's compensation insurance policies shall be given in a medium approved by the department and includes the appropriate cross-reference for cancellation, termination and non-renewal of worker's compensation insurance policies issued to Professional Employer Organizations (PEOs) and employee leasing companies. DWD 80.65.
10. **Necessity of Treatment Disputes.** Worker's compensation insurance carriers and self-insured employers will be required to provide a copy of the reviewing doctor's supporting medical documentation to health care service providers when providing notice treatment is denied as unnecessary. DWD 80.73 (3) (a) 5.