



August 20, 2013

PROPOSED LABOR MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (LMAC) WORKPLAN TOPICS

LMAC Deferred to Economic Affairs Interim Committee - HJ0025 topics:

Subrogation
Structure of the Workers' Compensation Court
Independence of the Montana State Fund

PROPOSED LMAC TOPICS – Next Meeting - September 19, 2013:

HB334 2011 topics:

Analyze impact of U & T Guidelines
Analyze impact of changes limiting Permanent Partial Disability payments
Analyze impact of allowing an insurer to approve or designate the treating physician
Analyze impact of adopting the 6th Edition of the AMA Guides to Permanent Impairment
Analyze impact of allowing settlement of future medical benefits
Analyze impact of Stay at Work/Return to Work assistance program
Analyze impact of Department's Independent Medical Review Process
Analyze impact of limitations on break and recreational activities of course and scope of employment
Analyze impact of retroactive payment of waiting period if disability exceeds 21 days

OTHER:

Review recent changes to work comp statutes to see if changes are needed to related statutes
Review and analyze the effectiveness of the MT Safety Culture Act in preventing injuries/ODs
Provide funding for safety initiatives
Set 21 day time frame for insurer to accept or deny a claim
Limit payment of attorney fees in medical only disputes
Review the case law in *Grande* regarding the Occupational Disease Act

OTHER ISSUES:

WSMT Role and Funding
Department SafetyFestMT Funding in Department's Budget
Issues with Extraterritorial Reciprocity Agreement with North Dakota – HB82 2013

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