

1415.0300 DEFINITIONS.

Subpart 1. **Scope.** For the purposes of this chapter, the following terms have the meanings given them.

Subp. 2. **Act.** "Act" means the Workers' Compensation Act, Minnesota Statutes, chapter 176.

Subp. 3. [Repealed, 29 SR 1448]

Subp. 4. [Repealed, 29 SR 1448]

Subp. 5. **Chief judge.** "Chief judge" means the chief administrative law judge of the Office of Administrative Hearings.

Subp. 6. **Commissioner.** "Commissioner" means the commissioner of the Department of Labor and Industry.

Subp. 7. [Repealed, 29 SR 1448]

Subp. 8. **Court of appeals.** "Court of appeals" means the Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals.

Subp. 8a. **Days.** "Days" means calendar days unless specifically provided otherwise. Days are computed as provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 645.15.

Subp. 9. **Division.** "Division" means the Workers' Compensation Division of the Department of Labor and Industry.

Subp. 10. [Repealed, 29 SR 1448]

Subp. 10a. **Imaging.** "Imaging" means the technology and process by which paper documents are scanned and stored digitally for subsequent retrieval and processing. The documents are indexed according to type of document, employee name, Social Security number, and date of injury. Once indexing is complete, the document is automatically routed to staff at the division or office as needed and it is a part of the permanent division file. The paper is confidentially recycled.

Subp. 10b. **Insurer.** "Insurer" means the workers' compensation insurer for the employer and includes self-insured employers. For the purposes of these rules only, "insurer" also includes the special compensation fund where the employer was uninsured on the date of injury.

Subp. 11. [Repealed, 29 SR 1448]

Subp. 11a. **Intervenor.** "Intervenor" means a party under Minnesota Statutes, section 176.361, who has an interest in a pending workers' compensation proceeding such that the person or entity may either gain or lose by an order or decision in the case, and the person or entity has filed a motion or application to intervene under part 1415.1250 and Minnesota Statutes, section 176.361.

Subp. 12. **Judge.** "Judge" means a workers' compensation judge from the Office of Administrative Hearings.

Subp. 13. **Office.** "Office" means the Office of Administrative Hearings.

Subp. 14. [Repealed, 29 SR 1448]

Subp. 15. **Petition.** "Petition" means a claim filed by or on behalf of an injured or deceased employee, employer, insurer, special compensation fund, or any other person or entity authorized by law to file a petition which initiates a contested workers' compensation case requiring assignment for hearing.

Subp. 16. **Petitioner.** "Petitioner" means the injured employee, an heir or dependent of a deceased employee or a party filing on their behalf, an employer or insurer, the special compensation fund, or any other person or entity authorized by law to file a petition.

Subp. 17. [Repealed, 29 SR 1448]

Subp. 18. **Potential intervenor.** "Potential intervenor" means a person or entity under Minnesota Statutes, section 176.361, who has an interest in a workers' compensation proceeding such that the person or entity may either gain or lose by an order or decision in the case, and the person or entity has not filed a motion or application to intervene under part 1415.1250 and Minnesota Statutes, section 176.361.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 14.51; 175.17; 175.171; 176.081; 176.155; 176.231; 176.285; 176.312; 176.361; 176.83*

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