

1420.1800 SETTLEMENT CONFERENCES.

Subpart 1. **Purpose.** A settlement conference is for the primary purpose of assisting the parties in resolving the disputes and for the secondary purpose of narrowing the issues and preparing for hearing.

Subp. 2. **Attendance.** All parties, including intervenors unless otherwise excused, shall attend personally or by representative any settlement conference conducted by a judge. A representative of a party shall be prepared to engage in meaningful settlement negotiations and shall have authority to reach a full settlement on the issues in dispute or have immediate access by telephone to a person having authority to reach a full settlement.

Subp. 3. **Preconference demand and offer.** The petitioner shall provide a claims summary and settlement demand to the opposing parties one week in advance of a settlement conference. The respondent shall respond to the opposing parties with an offer of settlement or response at least one working day before the settlement conference.

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

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