

CHAPTER 176

WORKERS' COMPENSATION

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176.021 APPLICATION TO EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES.

[For text of subds 1 to 6, see M.S.1990]

Subd. 7. Public officer. If an employee who is a public officer of the state or governmental subdivision continues to receive the compensation of office during a period when receiving benefits under the workers' compensation law for temporary total or temporary partial disability or permanent total disability and the compensation of office exceeds \$100 a year, the amount of that compensation attributable to the period for which benefits under the workers' compensation law are paid shall be deducted from such benefits. If an employee covered by the Minnesota state retirement system receives total and permanent disability benefits pursuant to section 352.113 or disability benefits pursuant to sections 352.95 and 352B.10, the amount of disability benefits shall be deducted from workers' compensation benefits otherwise payable. If an employee covered by the teachers retirement fund receives total and permanent disability benefits pursuant to section 354.48, the amount of disability benefits must be deducted from workers' compensation benefits otherwise payable. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 176.132, a deduction under this subdivision does not entitle an employee to supplemental benefits under section 176.132.

[For text of subds 8 and 9, see M.S.1990]

History: 1991 c 340 s 2

176.104 REHABILITATION PRIOR TO DETERMINATION OF LIABILITY.

Subdivision 1. Dispute. If there exists a dispute regarding medical causation or whether an injury arose out of and in the course and scope of employment and an employee has been disabled for the requisite time under section 176.102, subdivision 4, prior to determination of liability, the employee shall be referred by the commissioner to the department's vocational rehabilitation unit which shall provide rehabilitation consultation if appropriate. The services provided by the department's vocational rehabilitation unit and the scope and term of the rehabilitation are governed by section 176.102 and rules adopted pursuant to that section. Rehabilitation costs and services under this subdivision shall be monitored by the commissioner.

[For text of subd 2, see M.S.1990]

History: 1991 c 292 art 10 s 2

176.234 RELEASE OF DATA FOR EPIDEMIOLOGIC STUDY.

The commissioner of the department of labor and industry shall, upon request, provide the commissioner of health data classified as private data under section 13.02, subdivision 12, which are contained in the initial report of injury under section 176.231, and other workers' compensation records related to any individual's injury or illness. Data to be provided include, but are not limited to, all personal identifiers such as name, address, age, sex, and social security number for the injured person, employer identification information, insurance information, compensation payments, and physician and rehabilitation reports which the commissioner of labor and industry determines may pertain to specific epidemiologic investigations being conducted by the department of health.

History: 1991 c 202 s 15

176.421 APPEALS TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT OF APPEALS.

[For text of subds 1 to 6, see M.S.1990]

Subd. 6a. **Time limit for decision.** The court shall issue a decision in each case within 90 days after certification of the record to the court by the chief administrative law judge, the filing of a cross-appeal, oral argument, or a final submission of briefs or memoranda by the parties, whichever is latest. For cases submitted without oral argument, a decision shall be issued within 90 days after assignment of the case to the judges. The chief judge may waive the 90-day limitation for any proceeding before the court for good cause shown. No part of the salary of a workers' compensation court of appeals judge may be paid unless the judge, upon accepting the payment, certifies that decisions in cases in which the judge has participated have been issued within the time limits prescribed by this subdivision.

[For text of subd 7, see M.S.1990]

History: 1991 c 345 art 1 s 79