



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development
Department of Industrial Accidents

1 Congress Street, Suite 100
Boston, Massachusetts 02114-2017

CHARLES D. BAKER
Governor

KARYN POLITO
Lieutenant Governor

RONALD L. WALKER, II
*Secretary of Labor and Workforce
Development*

LINDA EDMONDS TURNER
Director

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the authority of M.G.L. c. 23E & c. 152 and in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, a public hearing will be held on Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in Hearing Room #1 at the Department of Industrial Accidents, 1 Congress Street, Suite 100, Boston, MA 02114, relative to the adoption of amended regulations 452 CMR chapters 1.00 et seq. and 3.01- 9.04 governing the Department of Industrial Accidents processes and procedures in the administration of the Massachusetts workers' compensation system.

The proposed amendments update, clarify and simplify the existing regulations governing practice before the office of dispute resolution (452 CMR 1.00); the Workers' Compensation Trust Fund and reimbursement procedures for insurers (452 CMR 3.00); standards for providers of vocational rehabilitation services to injured employees (452 CMR 4.00); licensing of self-insured employers (452 CMR 5.00); utilization review and quality assessment (452 CMR 6.00); practices by insurers (452 CMR 7.00); employers' obligation to provide workers' compensation insurance to Massachusetts' employees (452 CMR 8.00); and other agency administrative proceedings (452 CMR 9.00). All interested parties who wish to testify should register with the hearing officer prior to the commencement of the hearing. The public comment period will close on Wednesday, September 28, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. Any written comments may be submitted electronically to Reg_Comments_DIA@massmail.state.ma.us by the closing date of the public comment period.

Copies of the proposed amended regulations may be obtained by clicking [here](#) or by contacting: Bill Taupier, Director of Administration, 617-727-4900