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To: All Interested Parties
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Re: Individual Calendaring

As you may know, 452 CMR 1.11(1), which will become effective November 1, 1986, establishes a policy of individual calendaring. That is, when it is administratively feasible and fair to the parties, the same administrative judge will conduct both the conference and any subsequent hearing on a claim or complaint.

In implementing this policy, we intend to use the following guidelines:

1. For cases in which the date of injury is before November 1, 1986, and for which a conference has been held before that date, an administrative judge different from the one who conducted the conference will conduct the hearing.
2. For cases in which the date of injury is before November 1, 1986, but for which a conference has not been held before that date, the same administrative judge will conduct both the conference and hearing.
3. For cases in which the date of injury is on or after November 1, 1986 the same administrative judge will conduct both proceedings.