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What's New In Our Workers' Compensation Industry Florida

“An up-to-date summary of what is happening in Florida related to workers' compensation in the Legislature.”

Legislative Update

Today is the last day of the Legislative regular session. Since a budget was not passed, a Special Session will be called in April to finalize it.

We are aware of only one bill that has passed both the House and the Senate, which impacts Chapter 400. SB 1452 is the Department of Financial Services (DFS) bill. Below is a summary of the sections amending Chapter 440.

Summary of the Workers' Compensation Changes

Amends the requirement of the Three-Member Panel to submit a biennial report to the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives on methods to improve the workers' compensation health care delivery system to every 5 years beginning on or before January 15, 2031. No report will be required until January 15, 2031.

440.13(12)(j)4

The bill also extends the amount of time a provider has to file a petition with the DFS to resolve disputes from 45 days to 60 days after the receipt of notice of disallowance or adjustment of payment by the carrier. Expands the methods by which providers can use to submit utilization and reimbursement dispute petitions to the DFS and affected parties from the United States Postal Service certified mail to also include common carriers with verifiable tracking methods. 440.13(7)(a)

Effective on becoming law.