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***Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act***

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Subject: Case Prioritization for Physicians Panel: Single Illness Claimed

Applicable OWA Procedure: Part 7, Phys. Panel; Section 4, Preparing a File for Review by Phys. Panel

***This Bulletin will remain in effect until incorporated into the OWA Procedure Manual.***

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***Description of Change:***

This Bulletin establishes the criteria for prioritizing physician panel review activities.

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***Reasons for Change:***

To improve efficiency in Physicians Panel operations.

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***Definitions:***

*None.*

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***Action:***

To Part 7, Physician Panel, Section 4, Preparing a File for Review by the Physicians Panel, add the following at the beginning of the section:

Cases for which an applicant has claimed only one illness will be given priority for review by the Physician Panel over those cases with multiple illnesses claimed. When pulling cases to be assigned to the Physicians Panel for review, the OWA staff advances those cases for which only one illness is claimed before advancing cases claiming multiple illnesses.