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TO:

All Carriers, Self-Insured Employers, Funds and Third Party

Administrators

FROM:

Margaret R. Young, Director, Division of Workers' Compensation

SUBJECT:

Amendment to the Workers' Compensation Claims Rules and Forms,

Chapter 38F-3, Florida Administrative Code

As a result of the passage of House Bill 1803 during the 2001 Legislative session, the responsibility for collecting and reporting data about attorney fees in the workers' compensation system now resides with the Division of Administrative Hearings instead of the Division of Workers' Compensation. Therefore, carriers, self-insured employers and third party administrators are no longer required to submit information to the division regarding payment of defense attorney fees. The bill requires this information to be submitted to the Judges of Compensation Claims in the Division of Administrative Hearings. Information about future requirements will be forthcoming from the Division of Administrative Hearings. Questions may be directed to Cindy Wingler at (850) 488-9675, extension 112.

This bulletin supercedes that portion of Bulletin 191 which addresses the reporting of aggregate attorney fees.

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