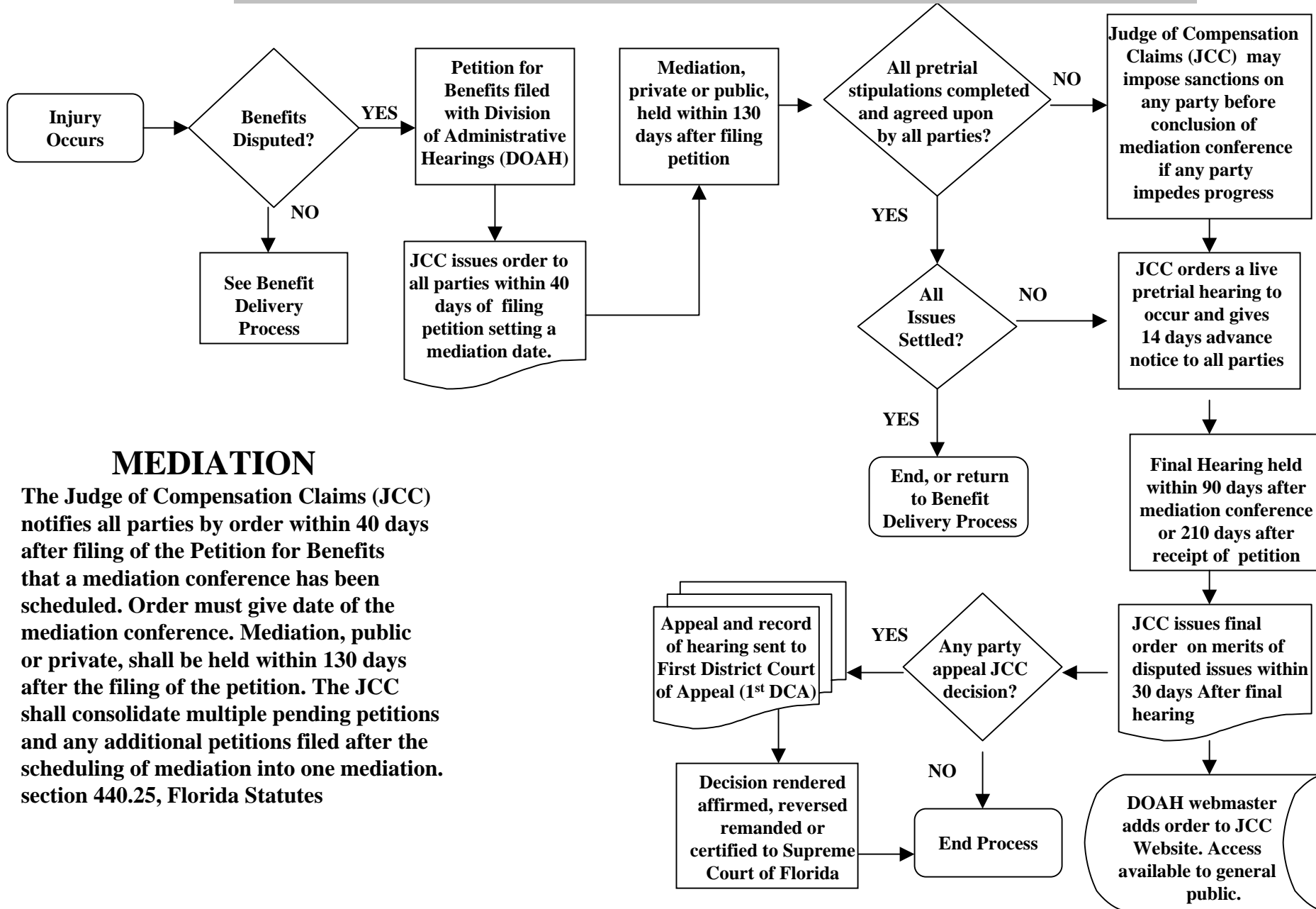


Procedures for Mediation and Hearings Effective 10/1/2003



MEDIATION

The Judge of Compensation Claims (JCC) notifies all parties by order within 40 days after filing of the Petition for Benefits that a mediation conference has been scheduled. Order must give date of the mediation conference. Mediation, public or private, shall be held within 130 days after the filing of the petition. The JCC shall consolidate multiple pending petitions and any additional petitions filed after the scheduling of mediation into one mediation. section 440.25, Florida Statutes