

BEFORE THE IOWA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSIONER

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IN THE MATTER OF REGULAR  
PROCEDURE HEARINGS SCHEDULED  
TO OCCUR AFTER DECEMBER 12, 2025

ORDER


1. Since October 28, 2022, the Workers' Compensation Division has operated under a standing order of Workers' Compensation Commissioner Joseph S. Cortese II pertaining to the procedure for conducting regular procedure hearings. The procedures established in the October 28, 2022 order will remain in effect under this order without substantive change.

2. This order is effective as of December 12, 2025. All currently scheduled hearings in regular procedure contested case proceedings before the agency shall be held by internet-based video, unless the agency grants a motion for in-person hearing under Paragraph 4.

3. The Deputy Commissioner assigned to hear the case will schedule the video conference and send the meeting invitation to the attorneys of record no later than 24 hours before the scheduled start time of the hearing.

4. Parties to a regular procedure hearing scheduled to occur after December 12, 2025, may move for an in-person hearing in the venue listed in the previously filed hearing assignment order. The motion for in-person hearing must be filed no less than 60 days prior to the hearing date and, if not so filed, the right to request an in-person hearing shall be waived. The motion for in-person hearing shall specify whether the hearing shall be entirely in-person, or whether any parties and/or witnesses will participate via internet-based video. If all the parties to a case file a joint motion for in-person hearing, the motion shall be granted. If the motion for in-person hearing is not a joint motion signed and filed by all the parties to a case, the party(ies) requesting the in-person hearing shall make a showing of good cause for the hearing to be in-person.

Signed and filed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2025.

  
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COMPENSATION COMMISSIONER