

WAC 118-04-320 Eligibility requirements and procedures for filing personal injury claims. (1) The injured person shall have been a registered emergency worker, activated by an authorized official for an authorized activity under the provisions of chapter 38.52 RCW, and shall have reported to or been in the process of reporting to the authorized on-scene official.

(2) The emergency management division shall provide forms for personal injury claims (Form EMD-084, medical expenses claim), parts of which must be completed by the local emergency management agency, the claimant, and the attending physician. This form shall be submitted with documentation to the local emergency management agency.

(3) For missions occurring outside an injured person's jurisdiction of residence, the claimant may file the claim with the local agency in the jurisdiction of residence, provided that the local emergency management agency director in the injured person's jurisdiction of residence coordinates the claim with the local emergency management agency director in the jurisdiction where the mission occurred.

(4) In the event of injury to an emergency worker, the responsible agency's on-scene authorized official shall be notified as soon as possible.

(5) The on-scene authorized official shall advise the local emergency management agency director of any injuries, as soon as possible, and shall provide appropriate and timely documentation. The local emergency management agency director shall notify the emergency management division of any injuries as soon as possible. The emergency management division shall assist the local emergency management agency director in processing claims.

(6) Labor and industries workers' compensation forms shall not be used, nor shall medical expense claims be submitted to the department of labor and industries for a claim made pursuant to chapter 38.52 RCW.

(7) Documentation shall include any reports, mission logs, ambulance and hospital bills, receipts, medical reports, or other information helpful in describing the extent of the injury, the circumstances under which the injury occurred, and the costs that were incurred as a result of the injury.

(8) The injury, disability, or death shall not have been caused by the willful misconduct, gross negligence, or bad faith of the claimant.

(9) Compensation for injury, disability, death, and related claims shall be adjusted and paid in accordance with department of labor and industries workers' compensation schedules.

(10) For claims in excess of the amount set by RCW 38.52.220, a compensation board shall convene to review the claim under RCW 38.52.210, 38.52.220, 38.52.230, 38.52.240, and 38.52.250.

(a) The local emergency management agency shall notify the emergency management division of any pending claim in excess of the amount set by statute.

(b) The claimant shall be notified of date, time, and place of the compensation board hearing by the local emergency management agency director by personal service or registered mail.

(c) The compensation board established under chapter 38.52 RCW may request that the claimant appear before the board.

(d) The local emergency management agency director shall transmit the findings and recommendations of the compensation board to the emergency management division for disposition.

(11) In accordance with RCW 51.28.050, no claim for injury shall be valid unless filed within one year after the day upon which the injury occurred or the rights of dependents or beneficiaries accrued except as provided in RCW 51.28.055.

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