

Oregon Workers' Compensation Division Rulemaking Calendar

OAR chapter 436 – Recent, Pending, and Anticipated Activity CY 2026

Division Rule Number	Rule Description	Effective Date of Temporary Rule	Expiration Date of Temporary Rule	Advisory Committee	File Proposed Rules w/SOS	Public Rule Hearing	Public Comment Period Ends	Next step and projected rules effective date (if known)
Permanent 009, 010, 015	Oregon Medical Fee and Payment Medical Services Managed Care Organizations	NA	NA	11/18/25	Jan. 2026	2/18/26	2/25/26	Annual review of fee schedule (2025-2026); other issues from log and raised by stakeholders. Effective 4/1/2026.
Permanent 035	Disability Rating Standards	NA	NA	11/18/25	Jan. 2026	2/18/26	2/25/26	Issues limited to visual field measurement method; Final rules effective 4/1/2026
Temporary 009, 010, 015, 030, 035, 060	Oregon Medical Fee and Payment Rules; Medical Services; Managed Care Organizations; Claim Closure and Reconsideration; Disability Rating Standards; and Claims Administration	April 8, 2026	Oct. 4, 2026 (or when replaced with permanent rules)	NA	NA	NA	NA	HB 4040 removes the 180-day limit that nurse practitioners or physician associates may provide compensable medical services without a referral from an attending physician. It also removes the 180-day limit that nurse practitioners or physician associates may authorize temporary disability benefits. It includes nurse practitioner in the definition of attending physician and allows physician associates and nurse practitioners to make findings of impairment. Finally, HB 4040 permits a physician associate or nurse practitioner to remain a worker's attending physician after claim closure. The bill declares an emergency and takes effect on its passage.

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Permanent 100	Workers' Compensation Benefits Offset	NA	NA	7/7/26	TBD	TBD	TBD	WCD is compiling a list of issues to address (e.g. greater transparency regarding the social security disability offset, insurer responsibilities). Projected effective date: 1/1/2027
Permanent 180	Worker Leasing	NA	NA	4/28/26 & 5/12/26	TBD	TBD	TBD	This rulemaking, and any rule amendments, are resultant of HB 2800 (2025), WCD's bill to modernize the worker leasing statutes. Operative date 7/1/27.
Permanent 070	Workers' Benefit Fund	NA	NA	NA	Aug. 2026	9/17/26	9/24/2026	The Department will announce the Workers' Benefit Fund assessment rate for calendar year 2025. Hearing for 2027 rate to take place Sept. 2026, if the rate will change. If any change is to take place, the change will be effective 1/1/27