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§27-14-616. Medical Commission; hearing panels; creation; membership; duties; rulemaking. (b)(i). To promulgate rules and regulations, with the approval of the director of the department, declaring particular medical, hospital or other health care procedures either acceptable or not necessary in the treatment of injuries or particular classes of injuries and therefore either compensable or not compensable under this act or expanding or limiting the compensability of such procedures under this act.

All guidelines and recommendations are developed by combining evidence from the medical literature with the opinions of clinical expert consultants, and community based practicing physicians. These guidelines will be used in the Workers' Compensation injured worker population.

Healthcare providers are expected to be familiar with the guidelines and follow the recommendations. The guidelines are meant to be a standard for the majority of requests. Injured workers who appear not to meet the guidelines may have a further review by a specialty physician for further assessment of clinical findings.

Guidelines will be reviewed by the Medical Commission at scheduled timeframes.

