

Summary of Policy and Procedure Revisions - September 2019 Updates -- Bulletin-20

This Bulletin provides a summary of recent policy and procedure revisions.

Entitlement Policies and Procedures

EN-12, Hearing Loss

Housekeeping revisions were approved to the policy effective June 19, 2019, to clarify how all criteria outlined in the policy are considered and weighed in the adjudication process when determining entitlement to noise-induced hearing loss; particularly in instances where an audiogram has not been completed within five years of the most recent occupational noise exposure.

Other housekeeping revisions include an update to the “Merits and Justice” reference and minor grammatical edits.

Procedure 21.00, Hearing Loss

Effective April 23, 2019, revisions to the procedure include:

- operational processes updated to ensure decision makers follow a step-by-step process that considers all criteria outlined in policy and assesses all evidence consistent with Policy EN-12;
- adjudication process revised to include the consideration of hearing tests by an employer as stipulated by Section 68 of the Occupational Health and Safety Regulations;
- guidelines revised to reflect the PRIME program for employer cost allocation; and
- “Merits and Justice” reference updated.

EN-01, Permanent Functional Impairment

Effective September 3, 2019, the policy was revised to update the reference to Policy EN-18, which has been renamed to Traumatic Mental Stress.