

**85.72 Claims for benefits made outside of state — restrictions — credit.**

1. An employee, or an employee's dependents, shall not be entitled to benefits under [this chapter](#) if the employee or the employee's dependents have initiated a judicial proceeding or a contested case or other similar proceeding for the same injury, disability, or death pursuant to the laws of another state or country concerning workers' compensation, and the employee or the employee's dependents receive benefits following final resolution of the proceeding pursuant to a settlement, judgment, or award.

2. If an employee, or an employee's dependents, initiate a judicial proceeding or a contested case or other similar proceeding for benefits pursuant to the laws of another state or country concerning workers' compensation, any proceeding initiated by an employee, or an employee's dependents, for workers' compensation benefits under [this chapter](#) for the same injury, disability, or death shall be stayed, without prejudice, pending resolution of the out-of-state claim for benefits.

3. If benefits are paid under [this chapter](#) and were payable, at any time, for the same injury, disability, or death pursuant to the laws of another state or country concerning workers' compensation, the employer shall have a credit toward the benefits payable under [this chapter](#) for any benefits paid in another state or country. Benefits paid in another state or country constitute weekly compensation benefits for the purposes of [sections 85.26 and 86.13](#).

[97 Acts, ch 106, §2; 2008 Acts, ch 1091, §2](#)