

876—2506.49(10A) Prehearing conference. A deputy workers' compensation commissioner or the workers' compensation commissioner may order parties in the case to either appear before the workers' compensation commissioner or a deputy workers' compensation commissioner for a conference, or communicate with the workers' compensation commissioner or a deputy workers' compensation commissioner and with each other in any manner as may be prescribed to consider, so far as applicable to the particular case:

2506.49(1) The necessity or desirability of amending pleadings by formal amendment or prehearing order;

2506.49(2) Agreeing to admissions of facts, documents or records not really controverted, to avoid unnecessary proof;

2506.49(3) Limiting the number of witnesses;

2506.49(4) Settling any facts of which the workers' compensation commissioner or a deputy workers' compensation commissioner is to be asked to take official notice;

2506.49(5) Stating and simplifying the factual and legal issues to be determined;

2506.49(6) Specifying the items and amounts of compensation claimed;

2506.49(7) Specifying all proposed exhibits and proof thereof;

2506.49(8) Consolidation of cases and bifurcation of issues;

2506.49(9) Specifying all witnesses expected to testify;

2506.49(10) Possibility of settlement;

2506.49(11) Filing of advance briefs, if any;

2506.49(12) Setting or altering dates for completion of discovery or completion of medical evidence by each party;

2506.49(13) Any other matter which may facilitate, expedite, or simplify any contested case.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 10A.318 and 10A.319.

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