

876—4.20(86) Prehearing conference. A deputy commissioner or the workers' compensation commissioner may order parties in the case to either appear before the commissioner or a deputy commissioner for a conference, or communicate with the commissioner or the commissioner's designee and with each other in any manner as may be prescribed to consider, so far as applicable to the particular case:

1. The necessity or desirability of amending pleadings by formal amendment or prehearing order;
 2. Agreeing to admissions of facts, documents or records not really controverted, to avoid unnecessary proof;
 3. Limiting the number of witnesses;
 4. Settling any facts of which the commissioner or deputy commissioner is to be asked to take official notice;
 5. Stating and simplifying the factual and legal issues to be determined;
 6. Specifying the items and amounts of compensation claimed;
 7. Specifying all proposed exhibits and proof thereof;
 8. Consolidation, separation for hearing, and determination of points of law;
 9. Specifying all witnesses expected to testify;
 10. Possibility of settlement;
 11. Filing of advance briefs, if any;
 12. Setting or altering dates for completion of discovery or completion of medical evidence by each party;
 13. Any other matter which may facilitate, expedite, or simplify any contested case.
- This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 86.17 and 86.18.