



## North Carolina Industrial Commission

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### ANNUAL REPORT ON EXPEDITIOUS RESOLUTION OF MEDICAL REQUESTS PURSUANT TO N.C. GENERAL STATUTE § 97-78(f) & (g)

In 2008, pursuant to the newly enacted N.C. Gen. Stat. § 97-78(f)(2), the North Carolina Industrial Commission promulgated a strategic plan for expeditious resolution of requests for medical compensation pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 97-25. Timeframes were shortened at various levels of litigation regarding medical issues and the emergency medical motion procedure was formalized. The changes reflected in this plan became effective on August 1, 2008.

The Industrial Commission targets successful implementation of its strategic plan as evidenced by the statistics provided below pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 97-78(g)(2) for the fiscal year 2011-2012.

The Industrial Commission has partnered with the State ITS to replace the Commission's current legacy system with a system that will permit case-specific data gathering, warehousing, and analysis. Ongoing efforts to develop and replace our current system coupled with newer programs to analyze this information also continue. As these efforts are accomplished, the ability to track and report case-related statistics will improve.

#### **Statistics for Medical Requests Filed in FY 2011-2012**

Industrial Commission Section	Total Number of Medical Requests Filed	Orders on Medical Requests Filed beyond 45 Days*
Executive Secretary	<b>1558</b>	<b>14</b>
Deputy Commissioners	<b>1034</b>	<b>0</b>
Commissioners	<b>63</b>	<b>1</b>

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\* See Appendices 1-2 for additional information required by N.C. Gen. Stat. § 97-78(g)(2).

## **APPENDIX 1**

### **Executive Secretary's Office – Administrative Medical Motion Statistics FY 2011-2012**

The Executive Secretary's Office ruled upon 1,558 medical motions for the fiscal year of 2011-2012. 14 of the 1,558 medical motions exceeded a filing date of 45 days after the filing of the motion requesting relief. There are various reasons that a final disposition may be filed beyond 45 days, including, but not limited to, parties' joint request to submit additional medical evidence or problems with service on the parties.

Below is a summary of the of the 14 medical motions filed by the Executive Secretary's Office 45 days after the filing of the motion requesting relief for the fiscal year of 2011-2012:

<b>I.C. File No.</b>	<b>Date Motion filed</b>	<b>Date Order filed</b>
990639	7/26/11	9/14/11
W02879	7/28/11	9/15/11
X49750	8/11/11	9/27/11
W73542	8/12/11	9/28/11
912264	9/29/11	11/14/11
649526	10/7/11	11/29/11
014774	10/12/11	11/29/11
W42464	10/13/11	12/1/11
805453	10/21/11	12/5/11
522175	11/4/11	12/20/11
W57029	10/31/11	12/19/11
X02700, 467232	12/30/11	2/29/12
X70627	3/30/12	6/6/12
X36341	4/10/12	6/12/12

## **APPENDIX 2**

### **Commissioners' Section – Expedited Medical Motion Appeal Statistics FY 2011-2012**

The Full Commission ruled upon 63 medical motions for the fiscal year of 2011-2012. 1 of the 63 medical motions exceeded a filing date of 45 days after the filing of the motion requesting relief. For the 1 claim in which the order was filed 45 days after the filing of the motion requesting relief, the parties sought and were granted the opportunity to submit additional medical evidence.

Below is a summary of the of the 1 medical motion filed by the Full Commission 45 days after the filing of the motion requesting relief for the fiscal year of 2011-2012:

<b>I.C. File No.</b>	<b>Date Motion filed</b>	<b>Date Order filed</b>
X44904	1/30/12	4/2/12