## **SECTION .0500 – AGREEMENTS**

## 11 NCAC 23A .0501 AGREEMENTS FOR PROMPT PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION

- (a) To facilitate the payment of compensation within the time prescribed in G.S. 97-18, the Commission shall accept memoranda of agreement on Commission forms. These forms include the Form 21 Agreement for Compensation for Disability, Form 26 Supplemental Agreement as to Payment of Compensation, Form 26A Employer's Admission of Employee's Right to Permanent Partial Disability, Form 26D Agreement for Payment of Unpaid Compensation in Unrelated Death Cases, and Form 30 Agreement for Compensation for Death.
- (b) No agreement for permanent disability shall be approved until the relevant medical and vocational records, including a job description if the employee has permanent work restrictions and has returned to work for the employer of injury, known to exist in the case have been filed with the Commission. When requested by the Commission, the parties shall file any additional documentation necessary to determine whether the employee is receiving the disability compensation to which he or she is entitled and that an employee qualifying for disability compensation under G.S. 97-29 or G.S. 97-30, and G.S. 97-31 has the benefit of the more favorable remedy.
- (c) After the employer, carrier, or administrator has received a memorandum of agreement that has been signed by the employee and the employee's attorney of record, if any, the employer, carrier, or administrator shall submit the memorandum of agreement within 20 days to the Commission for review and approval. Agreements conforming to the provisions of the Workers' Compensation Act shall be approved by the Commission and a copy returned to the employer, carrier, or administrator, and a copy sent to the employee.
- (d) Upon submission to the Commission of the executed agreement, the employer, carrier, administrator, or the attorney of record, if any, shall provide the employee, beneficiary, or attorney of record, if any, with a copy of the executed agreement that was submitted to the Commission.
- (e) All memoranda of agreement for cases that are calendared for hearing before a Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner shall be addressed to that Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner, and filed in accordance with Rule .0108 of this Subchapter. Before a case is calendared, or once a case has been continued or removed, or after the filing of an Opinion and Award, all memoranda of agreement shall be addressed to the Claims Section of the Commission, and filed in accordance with Rule .0108 of this Subchapter.

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