

BEFORE THE IOWA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSIONER

IN THE MATTER OF PAYMENT OF
FILING FEES DURING THE
TRANSITION TO THE WORKERS'
COMPENSATION ELECTRONIC
SYSTEM (WCES)

ORDER

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1. Effective July 22, 2019, the Iowa Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) transitioned to mandatory electronic filing (eFiling) on the Workers' Compensation Electronic System (WCES).
2. To implement the transition to eFiling on WCES, the Iowa Workers' Compensation Commissioner made changes to administrative rules in Chapter 876 of the Iowa Administrative Code (IAC).
3. The changes to Chapter 876 of the IAC are in ARC 4472C, online at: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/aco/06052019/pdf/ruleMaking/4472C.pdf> (last viewed July 23, 2019).
4. The changes to Chapter 876 of the IAC include, but are not limited to, mandatory electronic payment of filing fees. See 876 IAC 4.8(2).
5. Under Rule 876 IAC 2.9, all rules relating to WCES shall take effect for claims before the agency on July 22, 2019, "or when WCES is available to the public, whichever is later."
6. Under Rule 876 IAC 4.8(2)(j), the Commissioner may issue an order allowing deferral of the payment of filing fees and the payment of filing fees outside of WCES.

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7. The electronic payment of filing fees on WCES is not available to the public and will not be available for an indefinite period of transition. Consequently, parties will not be able to make electronic payment of filing fees concurrently with eFilings on WCES.

8. This Order shall:

- a. Apply to all eFilings on WCES that require a filing fee under agency rules and that are made on or after July 22, 2019, until this Order is rescinded; and
- b. Allow parties to make payment of filing fees outside of WCES during a period of transition when the concurrent electronic payment of fees on WCES is not available.

9. During the period of transition when concurrent electronic payment on WCES is not available, filing fees required under agency rules may be made by a check that is:

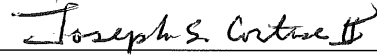
- a. Made payable to the "Iowa Division of Workers' Compensation"; and
- b. Mailed within fourteen (14) days of the date of eFiling to the DWC at 1000 E. Grand Ave., Des Moines, Iowa 50319.

10. Under Rule 876 IAC 4.8(2), "If the payment of the filing fee is made by an insufficient funds check or check on which payment is stopped or a check on which payment is otherwise not honored, it will be treated as a failure to pay the correct filing fee."

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Signed and filed this 23rd day of July, 2019.



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