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RULE CAPTION

Adopting OAR 438-011-0055, which requires "paying agency" to issue a "third party election" letter.

Not more than 15 words that reasonably identifies the subject matter of the agency's intended action.

RULEMAKING ACTION

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ADOPT: OAR 438-011-0055.

AMEND:

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Stat. Auth.: ORS 656.726(5)

Other Auth.:



Stats. Implemented: ORS 656.576; ORS 656.578; ORS 656.580; ORS 656.583; ORS 656.587; ORS 656.591; ORS 656.593.

RULE SUMMARY

After considering the report from the "Third Party Rule Concepts" Advisory Committee, the Board proposes to adopt OAR 438-011-0055 to provide the parties' respective responsibilities in the third party "election/assignment" process under ORS 656.578 and ORS 656.583. Section (1) of the rule requires a carrier ("paying agency") to serve a written demand ("third party election" letter) on the claimant/beneficiaries/legal representative ("the claimant") if the paying agency intends to require the claimant to exercise the right of election in ORS 656.578 to recover damages from a noncomplying employer or third person ("third party"). Section (2) requires the "paying agency" to include with this "third party election" letter a separate enclosure prescribed by Board bulletin that explains the "third party election/assignment" process. If the claimant does not read or understand English, or is otherwise unable to understand written language, the paying agency shall provide this information in a language or other manner that ensures the claimant's understanding. *Id.* Section (3) provides that the "third party election" letter must: (a) contain the information prescribed in ORS 656.583; and (b) include a statement that the claimant has been provided with the informational enclosure prescribed by Board bulletin in section (2).

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Date

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