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<p>Dr. Tamika L. Ledbetter Commissioner</p>	<p>SUBJECT REFERENCE</p>	<p>Second Independent Medical Evaluation Questions AS 23.30.095 8 AAC 45.092</p>	

Effective May 12, 2019, following two Board meetings and public comment, the Alaska Workers' Compensation Board repealed the parties' right, previously set forth in 8 AAC 45.092(h)(5), to submit questions to the Board's designees to submit to the Board's SIME physicians.

The Board also expressly amended 8 AAC 45.092(h) and provided that "the board or the board's designee will . . . prepare and submit questions. . . ."

This bulletin serves as notice that the Board's designees will rely on and enforce amended 8 AAC 45.092, and the parties' SIME questions will no longer be accepted. The parties still retain their rights under 8 AAC 45.092(j), to submit questions to the SIME physicians, depose them or call them as witnesses at hearing, after the SIME reports have been received, in accordance with that section.

If you have questions regarding the information in this bulletin, please contact the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Workers' Compensation Division at (907) 269-4980, or by email at workerscomp@alaska.gov.