

8 AAC 55.010(d)(1) is amended to read:

(1) the fisherman receives initial treatment **not** [NO] later than 120 days after the date of injury; **the initial treating provider shall submit a Physician's Report (Form 07-6126);**

8 AAC 55.010(f) is amended to read:

(f) The department may require information regarding insurance coverage, including an insurance benefits statement, and may hold a claim in abeyance pending the receipt of required information. **Insurance benefit statements must be received by the department not later than 180 days after a fisherman receives an inquiry seeking clarification.**

(Eff. 3/8/74, Register 49; am 4/11/81, Register 78; am 7/28/93, Register 127; am 3/22/2003, Register 165; am 7/13/2012, Register 203; am 5/21/2021, Register 238; am ___/___/___, Register ___)

Authority: AS 23.35.050 AS 23.35.100 AS 23.35.150
AS 23.35.070 AS 23.35.145

8 AAC 55.020(a) is amended to read:

8 AAC 55.020(a) Claim proceedings. (a) A claim against the fund is commenced by filing an application with the department [,] on a **Fishermen's Report of Injury/Illness & Claim (Form 07-6125)** [FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE DEPARTMENT].

(Eff. 3/28/74, Register 49; am 4/11/81, Register 78; am 9/10/98, Register 147; am 12/30/99, Register 152; am 7/13/2012, Register 203; am ___/___/___, Register ___)

Authority: AS 23.35.040 AS 23.35.050 AS 23.35.070

8 AAC 55.025 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(d) To request reimbursement of vessel owner protection & indemnity deductible payment, the vessel owner must file a petition on a Vessel Owner Request for P&I Deductible

Reimbursement (Form 07-6178) not later than **2 years** from the **date** a fisherman covered by the P&I policy sustains an injury.

(Eff. 7/13/2012, Register 203; am ___/___/___, Register ___)

Authority: AS 23.35.040 AS 23.35.090 AS 23.35.130
AS 23.35.050 AS 23.35.100 AS 23.35.140
AS 23.35.070

8 AAC 55.0XX is amended by adding a new section to read

8 AAC 55.0XX Medical travel expenses reimbursement. This section applies to expenses paid by the injured commercial fisherman who is receiving or has received medical treatment. All reimbursement requests must be substantiated by payment receipts.

Transportation expenses include

(1) transportation expenses, in the form of reimbursement for mileage, at a rate for the use of a private automobile equal to the Internal Revenue Service standard mileage rate for reimbursement of travel expenses on the given date if the usage is related to the medical examination or treatment;

(2) the actual fare for public transportation, if reasonably incident to the medical examination or treatment; and

(3) ambulance service or other special means of transportation if

substantiated by competent medical evidence.

(b) It is the responsibility of the injured commercial fisherman to use the most reasonable and efficient means of transportation under the circumstances.

(c) A reasonable amount for lodging purchased when obtaining necessary medical treatment substantiated by receipts submitted by the injured commercial fisherman and related to the medical examination or treatment. (Eff. ___/___/___, Register ___)

Authority: AS 23.35.050 AS 23.35.100 AS 23.35.150
AS 23.35.070 AS 23.35.145