

## WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §23-2C-20

### §23-2C-20. Claims administration issues.

- (a) Private carriers and self-insured employers shall at all times be bound and shall comply fully with all of the provisions of this chapter. Furthermore, all of the provisions contained in §23-4-1 *et seq.* of this code pertaining to disability and death benefits are binding on and shall be strictly adhered to by the successor to the commission, private carriers, and the self-insured employer in their administration of claims presented by employees of the self-insured employer private carriers and self-insured employers.
- (b) The Occupational Pneumoconiosis Board shall be administered by the Insurance Commissioner. Private carriers and self-insured employers shall have all authority and responsibility in the administration and processing of occupational pneumoconiosis claims.
- (c) Upon termination of the former Workers' Compensation Commission, claims allocation responsibilities transferred to the Insurance Commissioner.
- (d) The Insurance Commissioner's third-party administrator for the Old Fund has administrative and adjudicatory authority in administering old law liability and deciding old law claims.