

Reasons for Finding of Necessity for Emergency Adoption

This amendment is adopted as an emergency measure because the Board wants to avoid health and safety risks that can be avoided through social distancing due to COVID-19, including new variants, by allowing telemedicine in some circumstances, and to supersede the previous emergency adoption addressing this topic. Additionally, the Board has seen these emergency measures work efficiently and effectively to provide care for injured workers, and plans to adopt a permanent regulation addressing when telehealth may be used to benefit injured workers, and wants to keep the current telemedicine rules in effect during the regulatory process for the permanent telehealth proposal.