

Rural Area Flexibility Analysis for Small Businesses and Local Governments for the amendment of 12 NYCRR Section 324.4.

1. Types and estimated numbers of rural areas: The proposed regulation should not affect employers, as defined in WCL § 2(3), in rural areas, including municipal corporations, fire districts, public authorities and political subdivisions, who appear before the Board on matters relating to Workers' Compensation claims.
2. Reporting, recordkeeping and other compliance requirements; and professional services: The proposed regulation does not require any action whatsoever by small businesses or local governments in rural areas.
3. Costs: Small businesses and local governments in rural areas will not incur any capital costs, annual operating costs or any compliance costs as a result of the proposed regulation.
4. Minimizing adverse impact: The proposed regulation will have no adverse economic impact on small businesses or local governments in rural areas.
5. Rural area participation: Because the proposed amendment should have no impact on rural areas, the Board has not conducted outreach regarding the proposed amendment.