A new section 325-1.6 is added to Title 12 NYCRR as follows:

325-1.6 The Impairment Guidelines for Schedule Loss of Use Determinations

a) All evaluations of permanent impairment for use in a schedule loss of use determination shall be performed in accordance with the Workers’ Compensation Guidelines for Determining Impairment, First Edition, November 22, 2017, effective January 1, 2018, which is herein incorporated by reference. Such evaluations must be completed in the format prescribed by the Chair.

b) Obtaining the Workers’ Compensation Guidelines for Determining Impairment. The Workers’ Compensation Guidelines for Determining Impairment incorporated by reference herein may be examined at the office of the Department of State, 99 Washington Avenue, Albany, New York, 12231, the Legislative Library, the libraries of the New York State Supreme Court, and the district offices of the Board. Copies may be downloaded from the Board's website or obtained from the Board by submitting a request in writing, with the appropriate fee, identifying the specific guideline requested and the choice of format to Publications, New York State Workers' Compensation Board, 328 State Street, Schenectady, New York 12305-2318. Information about the Workers’ Compensation Guidelines for Determining Impairment can be requested by email at GENERAL_INFORMATION@wcb.ny.gov, or by telephone at 1-800-781-2362. The Workers’ Compensation Guidelines for Determining Impairment are available on paper or compact disc. A fee of ten dollars will be charged for the guideline
requested in paper format, and a fee of five dollars will be charged for a compact disc. Payment of the fee shall be made by check or money order payable to "Chair WCB."