

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis for Small Businesses and Local Governments:

1. Effect of rule: The rule updates notification requirements for temporary payments of medical treatment and care without establishing liability.
2. Compliance Requirements: The same compliance requirements apply to small businesses and local governments as to large businesses.
3. Professional Services: It is believed that no professional services will be needed by small businesses or local governments to comply with the proposed regulation.
4. Compliance Costs: Compliance with the proposed regulations may have a negligible impact on cost for self-insured local government employers, who may elect to make temporary payments when unsure of the extent of liability for a claim of compensation. For insured employers, including small businesses, the insurance carrier may make such an election. The payer may weigh the potential costs and benefits, and it is the payer's choice on whether to opt in to temporary payments.
5. Economic and technological feasibility: Compliance with the proposal is economically and technologically feasible for small businesses and local governments. Parties are already required to file notification of temporary payment of indemnity benefits and/or prescribed medicine.
6. Minimizing adverse impact: The proposed regulations are not anticipated to have an adverse impact on small businesses and local governments.
7. Small business and local government participation: The Workers' Compensation Board (Board) does not have a small employer or municipality database but has sent an

electronic communication describing the proposal to all insurer, self-insured employer, third party administrators, health care providers, and attorneys and licensed representative subscribers for Board updates. The Board will also duly consider all public comments received from small businesses or local governments during the public comment period.