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#### LONG RANGE PROGRAM PLAN

September 30, 2020

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Dear Directors,

Pursuant to chapter 216, *Florida Statutes*, our Long Range Program Plan (LRPP) for the Division of Administrative Hearings is submitted in the format prescribed in the LRPP instructions. The information provided electronically and contained herein is a true and accurate presentation of our mission, goals, objectives and measures for Fiscal Year 2021-22 through Fiscal Year 2025-2026. The link to the LRPP, located on the Florida Fiscal Portal, may be found on the Division's web site at: <u>https://www.doah.state.fl.us/ALJ/Reports/</u>.

Sincerely,

Robert S. Cohen Acting Director and Chief Judge

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# **DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**



# LONG RANGE PROGRAM PLAN

# FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

September 30, 2020

## MISSION OF THE DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

Impartially Adjudicate Disputes

To provide a uniform and impartial forum for the trial and resolution of disputes between private citizens and organizations and agencies of the state in an efficient and timely manner.

To maintain a statewide mediation and adjudication system for the efficient and timely resolution of disputed workers' compensation claims.

## GOAL OF THE DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

Improve the statewide adjudication and mediation processes.

## OBJECTIVES OF THE DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

**GOAL 1:** Improve the statewide adjudication and mediation processes.

**OBJECTIVE 1A:** To increase the number of administrative law cases that can reasonably be closed within 120 days after filing to a rate greater than the baseline year rate and maintain that rate increase throughout the planning period.

**OBJECTIVE 1B:** To increase the number of petitions for benefits that can reasonably be closed within the statutory timeframe to a rate greater than the baseline year rate and maintain that rate increase throughout the planning period.

## SERVICE OUTCOMES AND PERFORMANCE PROJECTIONS TABLES OF THE DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

**GOAL 1:** Improve the statewide adjudication and mediation processes.

**OBJECTIVE 1A:** To increase the number of administrative law cases that can reasonably be closed within 120 days after filing to a rate greater than the baseline year rate and maintain that rate increase throughout the planning period.

**OUTCOME:** Percent of cases closed within 120 days after filing.

Baseline FY 1998-99	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26
61%	76%	76%	76%	76%	76%

- **OBJECTIVE 1B:** To increase the number of petitions for benefits that can reasonably be closed within the statutory timeframe to a rate greater than the baseline year rate and maintain that rate increase throughout the planning period.
- **OUTCOME:** Percent of petitions closed within the statutory timeframe.

Baseline FY 2003-04	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26
40%	80%	80%	80%	80%	80%

## **DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

## TRENDS AND CONDITIONS STATEMENT

The Division of Administrative Hearings (DOAH) is unique because it is a small, independent, quasi-judicial agency established within the Department of Management Services for the provision of support services only. The Division has only two programs (services): Adjudication of Disputes and Workers' Compensation Appeals. These programs are mutually exclusive and equally important to the State of Florida. Hence, they are equally weighted as the Division's "number one" priority. No substantive revisions to the Division's programs or current structure are recommended over the five-year planning period.

With regard to the Adjudication of Disputes program, the Division of Administrative Hearings provides independent Administrative Law Judges (ALJs) to conduct hearings pursuant to Sections 20.22(2)(f), 120.569 and 120.57(1), Florida Statutes, pursuant to other law, and under contract with governmental entities. The judges are not subject to control, supervision, or direction by any party or any department or commission of state government.

On October 1, 2001, the Workers' Compensation Appeals Program, Office of the Judges of Compensation Claims (OJCC), was transferred to the Division of Administrative Hearings from the Department of Labor and Employment Security. The primary responsibility of this program is to dispose of disputed workers' compensation claims through mediation and adjudication. The Office of the Judges of Compensation Claims is created in Section 440.45(1), Florida Statutes. The conducting of pre-trial and final hearings is mandated in Section 440.25, Florida Statutes, and the mandatory mediation program is outlined also in Section 440.25, Florida Statutes. Other duties of the Office of the Judges of Compensation Claims are detailed throughout Chapter 440, Florida Statutes.

#### COVID-19

During 2020, the Division made adjustments to its operations in order to protect parties and employees from exposure to COVID-19. These measures included holding hearings and mediations by video or telephone, and continuing proceedings to accommodate the parties' needs and protect due process rights. In addition, the OJCC Miami and Ft. Pierce district offices were closed to public access for a period of time. In addition to allowing many employees to telework, sanitizer and personal protective equipment were provided to employees. These measures have adversely affected the timeliness in closing of cases, but these effects will not be fully known until Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21 is completed.

#### Area Changes

The Information and Technology Section was previously a separate section reporting to the Director and Chief Judge. Effective June 20, 2019, the Information and Technology Section was moved to the Administrative Services Section, reporting to the Director of Administration to streamline administrative operations.

#### Electronic Filing & Indexing

During calendar year 2019, there were 31,063 documents uploaded via the eALJ filing portal; 34,168 documents were served (via email) to 117,647 parties of record. For the OJCC, 613,329 documents were uploaded via the eJCC filing portal; 789,927 documents were electronically served to 1,870,033 parties of record.

Pursuant to section 120.53(2), all state agencies shall electronically transmit their agency final orders to the Division's website for indexing purposes, effective July 1, 2015. To date, a total of 198,645 documents have been submitted to the Agency Index Documents database, with 31,519 of those uploaded in calendar year 2019.

#### Cybersecurity

The Division has a responsibility to those whose private information is transmitted to our care through electronic means to keep that information away from all but those who are entitled to view it. Appropriate measures are taken to ensure that the users of the Division's systems do not accidentally release confidential information to those not entitled to it or to infecting the IT systems with malware or other intrusions from outside entities that are not authorized to view confidential or proprietary information. In 2019, the Division's primary IT focus continued to be on security. Cybersecurity awareness training provided to all Division personnel was focused on safe mobile computing and learning to recognize malicious emails. Special training sessions were also provided to judges and mediators throughout the year. We will continue to comply with all state laws and rules that may be developed, as well as our internally produced protocols to ensure the Division's IT systems are secure from both external and internal attack.

#### Performance Measures

The primary outcome measure for the Adjudication of Disputes service relates to the timeliness of the adjudication process. In FY 2019-20, the Division closed 85% of its cases within 120 days after filing, and scheduled for hearing 90% of its cases within 90 days after filing. This program continues to supply high-quality adjudication of disputes pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, and cases move through the Division at a far faster rate than through the state court system. This program met or exceeded all but one of its performance goals for FY 2019-20. Only 68% of professional licensure cases were closed within 120 days that year because of continuances needed due to COVID-19. The FY 2021-22 requested standards equal prior-year approved standards.

The primary outcome measure for the Workers' Compensation Appeals service also relates to the timeliness of the adjudication process. In FY 2019-20, the OJCC closed 95% of petitions within the statutory timeframe of 210 days. Due to continued efforts in data maintenance, timely docketing of orders, and added database functionality, this program's performance has significantly improved over the last few years.

In FY 2019-20 the resolution rate for state mediations was 53%. Mediation timeliness improved slightly; 98% of mediations were held within 130 days, and all of the mediators achieved the goal of holding mediations within an average of 130 days.

The Workers' Compensation Appeals program met or exceeded all of its performance goals for FY 2019-20 except for number of mediations held. This is entirely dependent upon incoming caseload, which is beyond the Division's control. The FY 2021-22 requested standards equal prior-year approved standards.

Funds and positions appropriated to the Division do not impact demand. Demand for the Adjudication of Disputes program is defined as the number of cases filed by the parties to administrative proceedings, including those cases that are carried forward from the preceding fiscal year. Demand for the Workers' Compensation Appeals program is defined as the number of petitions for benefits filed, including those petitions that are carried forward from the preceding fiscal year. Parties will continue to file cases at a rate independent of the Division's funding and workforce levels. The Division has no control over the demand for its services.

The Division is not aware of any significant policy changes that could affect its FY 2021-22 Legislative Budget Request (LBR). There are no requested changes in the Division's approved programs, services or activities that would require substantive legislative action, including elimination of or combining its programs, services, or activities.

# **DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

# PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND STANDARDS - LRPP EXHIBIT II

## **LRPP Exhibit II - Performance Measures and Standards**

Department: DMS/Division of Administrative Hearings Department No.: 72970000

Program: Adjudication of Disputes	Code: 72970100
Service/Budget Entity: Adjudication of Disputes	Code: 72970100

#### NOTE: Approved primary service outcomes must be listed first.

	Approved Prior		Approved	Requested
	Year Standard	Prior Year Actual	Standards for	FY 2021-22
Approved Performance Measures for	FY 2019-20	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	Standard
FY 2020-21 (Words)	(Numbers)	(Numbers)	(Numbers)	(Numbers)
Percent of cases closed within 120 days after filing	76%	85%	76%	76%
Percent of cases scheduled for hearing within 90 days after filing	90%	90%	90%	90%
Number of cases closed	6,000	6,877	6,000	6,000
Percent of professional licensure cases closed within 120 days	77%	68%	77%	77%
after filing				
Percent of professional licensure cases scheduled for hearing	95%	95%	95%	95%
within 90 days after filing				

## **LRPP Exhibit II - Performance Measures and Standards**

Department: DMS/Division of Administrative Hearings Department No.: 72970000

Program: Worker Comp/Judges	Code: 72970200
Service/Budget Entity: Worker Comp/Judges	Code: 72970200

#### NOTE: Approved primary service outcomes must be listed first.

	Approved Prior		Approved	Requested
	Year Standard	Prior Year Actual	Standards for	FY 2021-22
Approved Performance Measures for	FY 2019-20	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	Standard
FY 2020-21 (Words)	(Numbers)	(Numbers)	(Numbers)	(Numbers)
Percent of petitions closed within the statutory timeframe	80%	95%	80%	80%
Number of petitions closed	65,000	75,003	65,000	65,000
Average number of days from date petition filed to date petition	210	97	210	210
closed				
Percent of timely held mediations (130 days)	86%	98%	86%	86%
Number of mediations held	20,000	18,211	20,000	20,000
Percent of concluded mediations resulting in resolution (all issues	52%	53%	52%	52%
except attorneys fees)				

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# ASSESSMENT OF PERFORMANCE FOR APPROVED PERFORMANCE MEASURES -LRPP EXHIBIT III

Exhibit I		it III: E MEASURE ASSE	SSMENT		
Department:DMS/Division of Administrative HearingsProgram:Adjudication of DisputesService/Budget Entity:Adjudication of DisputesMeasure:Percent of Professional Licensure (PL) Cases Closed Within 120 Days After Filing					
Performance Asses	sment of <u>Outcome</u> Measu sment of <u>Output</u> Measure A Performance Standards	e Deletion of	of Measure of Measure		
Approved Standard	Actual Performance Results	Difference (Over/Under)	Percentage Difference		
77%	68%	(9%)	(12%)		
	k all that apply): es Incorrect ck all that apply): able Change	<ul> <li>☐ Natural D</li> <li>☑ Other (Ide rights</li> </ul>	Fraining entify) gical Problems		
Legislature is dependent the parties, (2) the requiparties are not denied the hearing and to present in time requirements in cert DOAH is mindful of the rapidly scheduling them DOAH scheduled 95% hear a case and close it Division personnel to c	at on: (1) a cooperative ex- irement of the Florida and heir due process rights (we relevant evidence through ertain cases. e time requirements and the for hearing. This is refl of PL cases within 90 da within 120 days is often to onduct the hearing, but rate	within 120 days as establi ffort by the Division, the p d United States Constitution hich includes the ability to exhibits and witnesses), a urges the parties to move to ected in our other perform ys of filing. However, the compromised, not by the b other by the unavailability parties, due to the complet	parties, and counsel for ons to ensure that o properly prepare for and (3) Legislative the cases along by nance measure, as e ability to actually lack of availability of of a party, counsel for		

complete "discovery" and otherwise prepare for the hearing; and Legislative time requirements in some limited cases.

There were 57 PL cases filed between December 1, 2019 and February 29, 2020 and only 50% of these were closed within 120 days. Of the PL cases which were not closed within 120 days, 86% were due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Beginning in March 2020, most school districts were closed, which resulted in parties to any cases involving school boards to request continuances. Also, many of the PL case filed involve either (or, in some cases, both) parallel criminal actions taken against the licensee in state court, the timing of which we cannot control, or complex issues such as medical malpractice which require expert testimony, significant discovery, and resultant continuances to allow the parties to prepare their cases for hearing.

DOAH must give the parties the full amount of time they require to fully present their cases. This is done in the interest of due process and the recognition that, while we strive to meet every performance standard, the parties often need additional time to prepare. All continuances granted by ALJs require a finding by the judge of "good cause," which, in the adjudication of dispute program, is more than mere delay on the part of the parties, and is directly related to their ability to fully and adequately prepare their witnesses, exhibits, and schedules for hearing. Every order granting a continuance issued by an ALJ requires a statement of what constitutes good cause to grand the continuance.

Additionally, once a case actually goes to hearing, Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, provides that the parties may file proposed orders for consideration of the administrative law judge in preparing his or her order. Before this is done, due process requires that the parties be given time to have a transcript of the hearing prepared and filed, a process which can take anywhere from ten days to months, depending on the complexity of the case. The time parties need to prepare their proposed orders can also take from ten days (the minimum allowed by rule) to months, again depending on the complexity of the case.

All these factors impact the ability of the Division to quickly schedule hearings and close cases.

Management Efforts to Address Differences/Problems (check all that apply):

Training
Personnel

	Technology
$\boxtimes$	Other (Identify): -
Imp	plementation of internal
poli	icies

#### **Recommendations:**

The Division began operating under "Performance-Based Program Budgeting" principles on July 1, 2000 and instituted new policies that require more expeditious scheduling of hearings and closure of cases. The Division's performance has significantly improved over the last fourteen fiscal years and efficiencies most likely have been maximized. This maximization of efficiencies, combined with a decreased staffing level of Administrative Law Judge positions during the last few years, supports the Division's request that this measure's FY 2021-22 standard be maintained at 77%.

LRPP Exhibit III: PERFORMANCE MEASURE ASSESSMENT						
Department:       DMS/Division of Administrative Hearings         Program:       Workers' Compensation Appeals - Judges of Compensation Claims         Service/Budget Entity:       Workers' Compensation Appeals - Judges of Compensation Claims         Measure:       Number of Mediations Held						
<ul> <li>Performance Asses</li> <li>Adjustment of GA.</li> </ul>	ssment of <u>Outcome</u> Measu ssment of <u>Output</u> Measure A Performance Standards	e Deletion of	of Measure of Measure			
Approved Standard	Actual Performance Results	Difference (Over/Under)	Percentage Difference			
20,000	18,211	(1,789)	(9%)			
number of incoming per <b>External Factors</b> (che Resources Unavail Legal/Legislative O Target Population O This Program/Serv	ek all that apply): es Incorrect for FY 2019-20 was base etitions for benefits was gr ck all that apply): able Change	☐ Technolo ☐ Natural D ⊠ Other – D em	Training entify) fiscal years, when the gical Problems			
number of petitions file has been an overall dec 2002-03 when the stand	ed has remained relatively rease of (52%) in the num dard was established.	reased slightly from 73,1 constant over the past sender of petitions for benef on program shows, the ave	veral years, but there fits filed since FY			
from filing of a petition	n for benefits to its closing	g is 97, far below the statu ons for benefits proceedin	atory requirement of			

98%. This proves that the JCCs and state mediators are moving the cases along to a speedy resolution. The fact that fewer than 20,000 mediations were held in 2019-2020 is beyond the control of the OJCC since 98% of all petitions filed were mediated timely, and the remainder were just outside the timeliness standard of 130 days. Had more petitions been available to be mediated, the state mediators would have done so, but petitions were not present to be mediated, a fact that cannot be remedied by the OJCC or DOAH unless sufficient petitions are filed to allow that number to be mediated.

#### Management Efforts to Address Differences/Problems (check all that apply):

Training
Personnel

#### **Recommendations:**

The Office of the Judges of Compensation Claims requests that the FY 2021-22 remain at 20,000. Due to changes made to the workers' compensation statute in October 2003, the number of incoming petitions has fallen dramatically from 150,801 in FY 2002-03 to 72,086 in FY 2019-20. However, the number of petitions filed has increased by 7% in the last five years. Recent changes to the statute and Florida's economy may cause increases in the future.

The OJCC will continue to monitor the number of incoming petitions in 2020-21 and may submit a budget amendment to change this standard to an achievable level.

# **DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

# PERFORMANCE MEASURE VALIDITY AND RELIABILITY - LRPP EXHIBIT IV

Department: DMS/Division of Administrative Hearings

Program: <u>Adjudication of Disputes</u>

Service/Budget Entity: <u>Adjudication of Disputes</u> Measure: Percent of Cases Closed Within 120 Days After Filing

easure: <u>Percent of Cases Closed Within 120 Days</u>

Action (check one):

Requesting revision to approved performance measure.

Change in data sources or measurement methodologies.

] Requesting new measure.

Backup for performance measure.

## Data Sources and Methodology:

The Division's electronic database, entitled the "Case Management System" (CMS), is the data source for this measure, and an automated computer program is utilized to provide the data for calculating the standard. The percentage is calculated by dividing the number of cases closed within 120 days after filing in a specified year by the total number of cases filed during that same period.

The FY 2019-20 standard of 85% was calculated by dividing the number of cases closed within 120 days after filing (5,935) by the total number of cases filed (6,963) during the period March 1, 2019 through February 29, 2020. This time period is used to determine all of the output and outcome standards for this service so that all indicators are based on the same group of cases. If data were collected for the most recently completed fiscal year (FY 2019-20) instead, some cases filed during the last four months of that year that also closed within 120 days, but after June 30, would not be captured. For example, a case filed on June 29 that was closed on October 19 (within 120 days) would not be counted (even though it met the criterion) because it was closed after the fiscal year ended on June 30 and after submission of the Long Range Program Plan in September, 2020.

## Validity:

Validity refers to the fit between an operational definition and the concept it is purported to measure. This indicator is a valid measure of the outcome because it meets the criteria of two of the three types of statistical validation: (1) subjective validation (face validity), and (2) criterion-related validation. First, on the face of it, this indicator appears to measure the concept it is intended to measure (face validity). Second, the content or apparent meaning of this measure is not as important as its usefulness as an indicator of the outcome (criterion-related validity). The test of this type of validity is the ability of this measure to classify or group data in terms of a single criterion (percent of cases closed within 120 days after filing).

This indicator is a valid measure of how timely the Division is closing its cases. Most citizens and agencies of the state are interested in resolving their disputes as quickly as

possible. Hence, this is a reasonable and sensible method of assessing performance against targeted time frames.

The Division's CMS database, the data source for this measure, is also valid. It has evolved to its present state over the last 36 years, and is the basis for the generation of numerous statistical reports on the Division's operations. To validate the accuracy of the CMS database, a statistically valid sample could be drawn from the case files. For example, a systematic random sample of computerized data on cases could be validated against the actual case files.

#### **Reliability:**

Reliability assessment is essentially a matter of checking for consistency; if a measure yields the same result time after time, then it is free of random error. This indicator is a reliable measure of the Division's outcome because of its test-retest and intercoder reliability. The test-retest procedure is the simplest method for assessing reliability and involves measuring the outcome (the percent of cases closed within 120 days after filing) on two separate occasions. The intercoder method involves examining the extent to which different persons using the same measurement procedures get equivalent results.

When any action is taken on a case (including case filing and closure), or when any caserelated documentation is received or disseminated, an entry is made on the case's official docket, which is part of the CMS database. The Clerk's Office has incorporated a comprehensive system of checks and balances to insure that the Division's electronic and hard copy case files are up-to-date, accurate, and complete. Hence, this reliable outcome measure will not vary over time. Each time a measurement is taken, the quality of the results will be consistent.

Department: DMS/Division of Administrative Hearings\_

Program: <u>Adjudication of Disputes</u>

Service/Budget Entity: Adjudication of Disputes

Measure: Percent of Cases Scheduled for Hearing Within 90 Days After Filing

Action (check one):

Requesting revision to approved performance measure.

Change in data sources or measurement methodologies.

] Requesting new measure.

Backup for performance measure.

#### Data Sources and Methodology:

The Division's electronic database, entitled the "Case Management System" (CMS), is the data source for this measure, and an automated computer program is utilized to provide the data for calculating the standard. The percentage is calculated by dividing the number of cases scheduled for hearing within 90 days after filing in a specified year by the total number of cases filed during that same period.

The FY 2019-20 standard of 90% was calculated by dividing the number of cases scheduled for hearing within 90 days after filing (6,274) by the total number of cases filed (6,963) during the period March 1, 2019 through February 29, 2020. This time period is used to determine all of the output and outcome standards for this service so that all indicators are based on the same group of cases. See the Exhibit IV for the outcome measure entitled *"Percent of Cases Closed Within 120 Days After Filing"* for the rationale supporting selection of this date range.

#### Validity:

Validity refers to the fit between an operational definition and the concept it is purported to measure. This indicator is a valid measure of the outcome because it meets the criteria of two of the three types of statistical validation: (1) subjective validation (face validity), and (2) criterion-related validation. First, on the face of it, this indicator appears to measure the concept it is intended to measure (face validity). Second, the content or apparent meaning of this measure is not as important as its usefulness as an indicator of the outcome (criterion-related validity). The test of this type of validity is the ability of this measure to classify or group data in terms of a single criterion (percent of cases scheduled for hearing within 90 days after filing).

This indicator is a valid measure of how timely the Division is scheduling hearings. Most citizens and agencies of the state are interested in resolving their disputes as quickly as possible. Hence, this is a reasonable and sensible method of assessing performance against targeted time frames.

The Division's CMS database, the data source for this measure, is also valid. It has evolved to its present state over the last 36 years, and is the basis for the generation of numerous statistical reports on the Division's operations. To validate the accuracy of the CMS database, a statistically valid sample could be drawn from the case files. For example, a systematic random sample of computerized data on cases could be validated against the actual case files.

## **Reliability:**

Reliability assessment is essentially a matter of checking for consistency; if a measure yields the same result time after time, then it is free of random error. This indicator is a reliable measure of the Division's outcome because of its test-retest and intercoder reliability. The test-retest procedure is the simplest method for assessing reliability and involves measuring the outcome (the percent of cases scheduled for hearing within 90 days after filing) on two separate occasions. The intercoder method involves examining the extent to which different persons using the same measurement procedures get equivalent results.

When any action is taken on a case (including the scheduling of hearings), or when any case-related documentation is received or disseminated, an entry is made on the case's official docket, which is part of the CMS database. The Clerk's Office has incorporated a comprehensive system of checks and balances to insure that the Division's electronic and hard copy case files are up-to-date, accurate, and complete. Hence, this reliable outcome measure will not vary over time. Each time a measurement is taken, the quality of the results will be consistent.

Department: DMS/Division of Administrative Hearings\_

Program:Adjudication of DisputesService/Budget Entity:Adjudication of DisputesMeasure:Number of Cases Closed

Action (check one):

Requesting revision to approved performance measure.

Change in data sources or measurement methodologies.

Requesting new measure.

Backup for performance measure.

#### **Data Sources and Methodology:**

The Division's electronic database, entitled the "Case Management System" (CMS), is the data source for this measure. An automated computer program is utilized to provide a count of all cases closed during a given year (or any other time period specified).

For the FY 2019-20 standard, data was collected for the period March 1, 2019 through February 29, 2020. This time period is used to determine all of the output and outcome standards for this service so that all indicators are based on the same group of cases. See the Exhibit IV for the outcome measure entitled *"Percent of Cases Closed Within 120 Days After Filing"* for the rationale supporting selection of this date range. The CMS program provided the count of 6,877 cases closed.

#### Validity:

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The Division's CMS database, the data source for this measure, is also valid. It has evolved to its present state over the last 36 years, and is the basis for the generation of numerous statistical reports on the Division's operations. To validate the accuracy of the CMS database, a statistically valid sample could be drawn from the case files. For example, a systematic random sample of computerized data on cases could be validated against the actual case files.

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Department:DMS/Division of Administrative HearingsProgram:Adjudication of DisputesService/Budget Entity:Adjudication of DisputesMeasure:Percent of Professional Licensure (PL) Cases Closed<br/>Within 120 Days After Filing

Action (check one):

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The FY 2019-20 standard of 68% was calculated by dividing the number of PL cases closed within 120 days after filing (148) by the total number of PL cases filed (218) during the period March 1, 2019 through February 29, 2020. This time period is used to determine all of the output and outcome standards for this service so that all indicators are based on the same group of cases. See the Exhibit IV for the outcome measure entitled *"Percent of Cases Closed Within 120 Days After Filing"* for the rationale supporting selection of this date range.

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This indicator is a valid measure of how timely the Division is closing its cases. Most citizens and agencies of the state are interested in resolving their disputes as quickly as possible. Hence, this is a reasonable and sensible method of assessing performance against targeted time frames.

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## **Reliability:**

Reliability assessment is essentially a matter of checking for consistency; if a measure yields the same result time after time, then it is free of random error. This indicator is a reliable measure of the Division's outcome because of its test-retest and intercoder reliability. The test-retest procedure is the simplest method for assessing reliability and involves measuring the outcome (the percent of PL cases closed within 120 days after filing) on two separate occasions. The intercoder method involves examining the extent to which different persons using the same measurement procedures get equivalent results.

When any action is taken on a case (including case filing and closure), or when any caserelated documentation is received or disseminated, an entry is made on the case's official docket, which is part of the CMS database. The Clerk's Office has incorporated a comprehensive system of checks and balances to insure that the Division's electronic and hard copy case files are up-to-date, accurate, and complete. Hence, this reliable outcome measure will not vary over time. Each time a measurement is taken, the quality of the results will be consistent.

Department: DMS/Division of Administrative Hearings

Program: <u>Adjudication of Disputes</u>

Service/Budget Entity: Adjudication of Disputes\_

Measure: <u>Percent of Professional Licensure (PL) Cases Scheduled for Hearing</u> Within 90 Days After Filing

Action (check one):

Requesting revision to approved performance measure.

Change in data sources or measurement methodologies.

Requesting new measure.

Backup for performance measure.

### Data Sources and Methodology:

The Division's electronic database, entitled the "Case Management System" (CMS), is the data source for this measure, and an automated computer program is utilized to provide the data for calculating the standard. The percentage is calculated by dividing the number of professional licensure (PL) cases scheduled for hearing within 90 days after filing in a specified year by the total number of PL cases filed during that same period.

The FY 2019-20 standard of 95% was calculated by dividing the number of PL cases scheduled for hearing within 90 days after filing (207) by the total number of PL cases filed (218) during the period March 1, 2019 through February 29, 2020. This time period is used to determine all of the output and outcome standards for this service so that all indicators are based on the same group of cases. See the Exhibit IV for the outcome measure entitled *"Percent of Cases Closed Within 120 Days After Filing"* for the rationale supporting selection of this date range.

## Validity:

Validity refers to the fit between an operational definition and the concept it is purported to measure. This indicator is a valid measure of the outcome because it meets the criteria of two of the three types of statistical validation: (1) subjective validation (face validity), and (2) criterion-related validation. First, on the face of it, this indicator appears to measure the concept it is intended to measure (face validity). Second, the content or apparent meaning of this measure is not as important as its usefulness as an indicator of the outcome (criterion-related validity). The test of this type of validity is the ability of this measure to classify or group data in terms of a single criterion (percent of PL cases scheduled for hearing within 90 days after filing).

This indicator is a valid measure of how timely the Division is scheduling hearings. Most citizens and agencies of the state are interested in resolving their disputes as quickly as possible. Hence, this is a reasonable and sensible method of assessing performance against targeted time frames.

The Division's CMS database, the data source for this measure, is also valid. It has evolved to its present state over the last 36 years, and is the basis for the generation of numerous statistical reports on the Division's operations. To validate the accuracy of the CMS database, a statistically valid sample could be drawn from the case files. For example, a systematic random sample of computerized data on cases could be validated against the actual case files.

### **Reliability:**

Reliability assessment is essentially a matter of checking for consistency; if a measure yields the same result time after time, then it is free of random error. This indicator is a reliable measure of the Division's outcome because of its test-retest and intercoder reliability. The test-retest procedure is the simplest method for assessing reliability and involves measuring the outcome (the percent of PL cases scheduled for hearing within 90 days after filing) on two separate occasions. The intercoder method involves examining the extent to which different persons using the same measurement procedures get equivalent results.

When any action is taken on a case (including the scheduling of hearings), or when any case-related documentation is received or disseminated, an entry is made on the case's official docket, which is part of the CMS database. The Clerk's Office has incorporated a comprehensive system of checks and balances to insure that the Division's electronic and hard copy case files are up-to-date, accurate, and complete. Hence, this reliable outcome measure will not vary over time. Each time a measurement is taken, the quality of the results will be consistent.

Department: DMS/Division of Administrative Hearings

Program: <u>Workers' Compensation Appeals</u> - Judges of Compensation Claims Service/Budget Entity: <u>Workers' Compensation Appeals</u> - Judges of

Compensation Claims

Measure:

## Percent of Petitions Closed Within the Statutory Timeframe

Action (check one):

Requesting revision to approved performance measure.

- ] Change in data sources or measurement methodologies.
- ] Requesting new measure.

Backup for performance measure.

#### **Data Sources and Methodology:**

The Division's electronic database, entitled the "Case Management System" (CMS), is the data source for this measure. An automated computer program is utilized to provide the data for calculating the standard. The percentage is calculated by dividing the number of petitions closed within the statutory timeframe in a specified year by the total number of petitions closed during that year.

Petitions for benefits (PFBs) are electronically filed by attorneys and unrepresented claimants. Unrepresented claimants may also file petitions by certified mail. Electronic filing of a PFB automatically populates necessary data into CMS. PFBs filed by certified mail are entered into CMS upon receipt by the Clerk's Office. Data is recorded from the petition including the date it was filed. A petition can be closed several different ways: (1) voluntarily dismissed by the claimant, (2) dismissed by the judge, or (3) addressed by a disposition order (i.e. final merit, settlement, stipulation). As petitions are closed, staff enter the closing date into CMS. The FY 2019-20 standard of 95% was calculated by dividing the number of petitions closed within the statutory timeframe (71,624) by the number of petitions closed that year (75,003).

#### Validity:

Validity refers to the fit between an operational definition and the concept it is purported to measure. This indicator is a valid measure of the outcome because it meets the criteria of two of the three types of statistical validation: (1) subjective validation (face validity), and (2) criterion-related validation. First, on the face of it, this indicator appears to measure the concept it is intended to measure (face validity). Second, the content or apparent meaning of this measure is not as important as its usefulness as an indicator of the outcome (criterion-related validity). The test of this type of validity is the ability of this measure to classify or group data in terms of a single criterion (Percent of petitions closed within the statutory timeframe). This indicator is a valid measure of how timely the Office of the Judges of Compensation Claims is closing its PFBs.

### **Reliability:**

Reliability assessment is essentially a matter of checking for consistency; if a measure yields the same result time after time, then it is free of random error. This indicator is a reliable measure of the Division's outcome because of its test-retest and intercoder reliability. The test-retest procedure is the simplest method for assessing reliability and involves measuring the outcome (the percent of petitions closed within the statutory timeframe) on two separate occasions. The intercoder method involves examining the extent to which different persons using the same measurement procedures get equivalent results.

As petitions are closed, judges' staff enter this data into the CMS database and it becomes a permanent part of the record. Data are collected in a consistent manner, applying the same methodology and can be duplicated to achieve the same results.

Department: DMS/Division of Administrative Hearings\_

Program: <u>Workers' Compensation Appeals - Judges of Compensation Claims</u> Service/Budget Entity: <u>Workers' Compensation Appeals - Judges of</u> Compensation Claims

Measure: Number of Petitions Closed

Action (check one):

] Requesting revision to approved performance measure.

Change in data sources or measurement methodologies.

Requesting new measure.

Backup for performance measure.

#### Data Sources and Methodology:

The Division's electronic database, entitled the "Case Management System" (CMS), is the data source for this measure. An automated computer program is utilized to provide a count of all petitions for benefits closed during a given year (or any other time period specified).

Petitions for benefits (PFBs) are electronically filed by attorneys and unrepresented claimants. Unrepresented claimants may also file petitions by certified mail. Electronic filing of a PFB automatically populates necessary data into CMS. PFBs filed by certified mail are entered into CMS upon receipt by the Clerk's Office. Data is recorded from the petition including the date it was filed. A petition can be closed several different ways: (1) voluntarily dismissed by the claimant, (2) dismissed by the judge, or (3) addressed by a disposition order (i.e. final merit, settlement, stipulation). As petitions are closed, staff enter the data into CMS.

The CMS database provided the count of 75,003 petitions closed in FY 2019-20.

#### Validity:

For every workers' compensation dispute, one or more petitions for benefits may be filed, and these petitions request one or more benefits. The petition is closed when it is voluntarily dismissed by the claimant, dismissed by the judge, or addressed by a disposition order (i.e. final merit, settlement, stipulation). This measure evaluates the productivity of the process. Petitions for benefits represent the demand for the Judges of Compensation Claims service. The number of petitions for benefits closed is a valid measure to use in calculating unit costs.

## **Reliability:**

Reliability assessment is essentially a matter of checking for consistency; if a measure yields the same result time after time, then it is free of random error. This indicator is a reliable measure of the Division's outcome because of its test-retest and intercoder reliability. The test-retest procedure is the simplest method for assessing reliability and involves measuring the output (the number of petitions closed) on two separate occasions. The intercoder method involves examining the extent to which different persons using the same measurement procedures get equivalent results.

As petitions for benefits are closed, judges' staff enter this data into the database and it becomes a permanent part of the record. Data are collected in a consistent manner, applying the same methodology and can be duplicated to achieve the same results.

<b>LRPP EXHIBIT IV: Performance Measure Validity and Reliability</b>	LRPP	EXHIBIT IV	: Performance	Measure	Validity a	nd Reliability
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Department	: DMS/Division of Administrative Hearings		
Program:	Workers' Compensation Appeals - Judges of Compensation Claims		
Service/Bud	get Entity: Workers' Compensation Appeals - Judges of		
	Compensation Claims		
Measure:	Average Number of Days From Date Petition Filed to Date Petition		
	Closed		
Action (chec	k one):		
Requesti	ng revision to approved performance measure.		

] Change in data sources or measurement methodologies.

Requesting new measure.

Backup for performance measure.

#### **Data Sources and Methodology:**

The Division's electronic database, entitled the "Case Management System" (CMS), is the data source for this measure. An automated computer program is utilized to calculate the average number of days from the petition filed date to the petition closed date.

Petitions for benefits (PFBs) are electronically filed by attorneys and unrepresented claimants. Unrepresented claimants may also file petitions by certified mail. Electronic filing of a PFB automatically populates necessary data into CMS. PFBs filed by certified mail are entered into CMS upon receipt by the Clerk's Office. Data recorded from the petition includes the filing date. A petition can be closed several different ways: (1) voluntarily dismissed by the claimant, (2) dismissed by the judge, or (3) addressed by a disposition order (i.e. final merit, settlement, stipulation). As petitions are closed, staff enter the data into CMS.

The CMS program calculated the FY 2019-20 standard of 97 days, which is an improvement over the FY 2018-19 standard of 105 days.

#### Validity:

Validity refers to the fit between an operational definition and the concept it is purported to measure. This indicator is a valid measure of the outcome because it meets the criteria of two of the three types of statistical validation: (1) subjective validation (face validity), and (2) criterion-related validation. First, on the face of it, this indicator appears to measure the concept it is intended to measure (face validity). Second, the content or apparent meaning of this measure is not as important as its usefulness as an indicator of the outcome (criterion-related validity). The test of this type of validity is the ability of this measure to classify or group data in terms of a single criterion (the average number of days from petition filed to petition closed).

For every workers' compensation dispute, one or more petitions for benefits may be filed, and these petitions request one or more benefits. The petition is closed when it is voluntarily dismissed by the claimant, dismissed by the judge, or addressed by a disposition order (i.e. final merit, settlement, stipulation). This indicator is a valid measure of how timely the Judges of Compensation Claims are closing petitions for benefits. The statutory timeframes begin with the filing of the petition for benefits.

### **Reliability:**

Reliability assessment is essentially a matter of checking for consistency; if a measure yields the same result time after time, then it is free of random error. This indicator is a reliable measure of the Division's outcome because of its test-retest and intercoder reliability. The test-retest procedure is the simplest method for assessing reliability and involves measuring the outcome (the average number of days from petition filed to petition closed) on two separate occasions. The intercoder method involves examining the extent to which different persons using the same measurement procedures get equivalent results.

As petitions are closed, judges' staff enter this data into the database and it becomes a permanent part of the record. Data are collected in a consistent manner, applying the same methodology and can be duplicated to achieve the same results.

 Department:
 DMS/Division of Administrative Hearings

 Program:
 Workers' Compensation Appeals - Judges of Compensation Claims

 Service/Budget Entity:
 Workers' Compensation Appeals - Judges of Compensation Claims

 Measure:
 Percent of Timely Held Mediations (130 days)

Action (check one):

Requesting revision to approved performance measure.

] Change in data sources or measurement methodologies.

] Requesting new measure.

Backup for performance measure.

#### **Data Sources and Methodology:**

The Division's electronic database, entitled the "Case Management System" (CMS), is the data source for this measure. The percentage is calculated by dividing the number of petitions mediated within the statutory timeframe in a specified year by the total number of petitions mediated during that year.

Petitions for benefits (PFBs) are electronically filed by attorneys and unrepresented claimants. Unrepresented claimants may also file petitions by certified mail. Electronic filing of a PFB automatically populates necessary data into CMS. PFBs filed by certified mail are entered into CMS upon receipt by the Clerk's Office. Data recorded from the petition includes the date it was filed. Multiple petitions may be addressed in each mediation. The FY 2019-20 performance standard of 98% was calculated by dividing the number of petitions mediated within 130 days after filing (26,795) by the number of petitions mediated that year (27,467).

#### Validity:

Validity refers to the fit between an operational definition and the concept it is purported to measure. This indicator is a valid measure of the outcome because it meets the criteria of two of the three types of statistical validation: (1) subjective validation (face validity), and (2) criterion-related validation. First, on the face of it, this indicator appears to measure the concept it is intended to measure (face validity). Second, the content or apparent meaning of this measure is not as important as its usefulness as an indicator of the outcome (criterion-related validity). The test of this type of validity is the ability of this measure to classify or group data in terms of a single criterion (the percent of mediations held within 130 days).

For every workers' compensation dispute, state mediators hold one or more mediation conferences unless the parties utilize private mediation or if the Deputy Chief Judge of Compensation Claims waives the mediation requirement. Each mediation conference addresses one or more petitions for benefits. Chapter 440.25, F.S. requires that if the

Judges of Compensation Claims cannot mediate a petition within 130 days then a private mediation must take place. However, in the case where the Judges of Compensation Claims mediators were able to mediate the petition in a timely fashion but the parties were not ready for mediation, the parties can request a continuance. This measure is a valid indicator of how many petitions were mediated beyond 130 days of their filed date.

#### **Reliability:**

Reliability assessment is essentially a matter of checking for consistency; if a measure yields the same result time after time, then it is free of random error. This indicator is a reliable measure of the Division's outcome because of its test-retest and intercoder reliability. The test-retest procedure is the simplest method for assessing reliability and involves measuring the outcome (the percent of mediations held within 130 days) on two separate occasions. The intercoder method involves examining the extent to which different persons using the same measurement procedures get equivalent results.

As mediation conferences are scheduled, rescheduled, held, etc. this information is kept on the mediators' computerized calendars. Any information remains in the database and can be replicated at any time. Data are collected in a consistent manner, compiled on a monthly and annual basis, using the same data sources, applying the same methodology and can be duplicated to achieve the same result.

 Department:
 DMS/Division of Administrative Hearings

 Program:
 Workers' Compensation Appeals - Judges of Compensation Claims

 Service/Budget Entity:
 Workers' Compensation Appeals - Judges of

 Compensation Claims

 Measure:
 Number of Mediations Held

#### Action (check one):

] Requesting revision to approved performance measure.

] Change in data sources or measurement methodologies.

] Requesting new measure.

Backup for performance measure.

#### **Data Sources and Methodology:**

The data source is the Division's electronic database, entitled the "Case Management System" (CMS). This measure is a simple count of the number of mediation conferences held by state mediators throughout the state of Florida on a fiscal year basis. In FY 2019-20, 18,211 mediations were held.

### Validity:

Validity refers to the fit between an operational definition and the concept it is purported to measure. This indicator is a valid output measure because it meets the criteria of two of the three types of statistical validation: (1) subjective validation (face validity), and (2) criterion-related validation. First, on the face of it, this indicator appears to measure the concept it is intended to measure (face validity). Second, the content or apparent meaning of this measure is not as important as its usefulness as an indicator of output (criterion-related validity). The test of this type of validity is the ability of this measure to classify or group data in terms of a single criterion (the number of mediations held.)

For every workers' compensation dispute, state mediators hold one or more mediation conferences unless the parties utilize private mediation or if the Deputy Chief Judge of Compensation Claims waives the mediation requirement. The number of mediations held by state mediators is necessary in evaluating the productivity of the mediation process, and is also used as the unit cost measure for this activity.

#### **Reliability:**

Reliability assessment is essentially a matter of checking for consistency; if a measure yields the same result time after time, then it is free of random error. This indicator is a reliable measure of the Division's output because of its test-retest and intercoder reliability. The test-retest procedure is the simplest method for assessing reliability and involves measuring output (the number of mediations held) on two separate occasions. The intercoder method involves examining the extent to which different persons using the same measurement procedures get equivalent results.

As mediation conferences are scheduled, rescheduled, held, etc. this information is kept on the mediators' computerized calendars. Any information remains in the database and can be replicated at any time. Data are collected in a consistent manner, compiled on a monthly and annual basis, using the same data sources, applying the same methodology and can be duplicated to achieve the same result.

Department:	DMS/Division of Administrative Hearings					
Program:	Workers' Compensation Appeals - Judges of Compensation Claim					
Service/Budge	et Entity: Workers' Compensation Appeals - Judges of					
	Compensation Claims					
Measure:	Percent of Concluded Mediations Resulting in Resolution (all issues					
	except attorneys fees)					
Action (check	one):					

Requesting revision to approved performance measure.

- Change in data sources or measurement methodologies.
- ] Requesting new measure.
- Backup for performance measure.

#### **Data Sources and Methodology:**

The data source is the Division's electronic database, entitled the "Case Management System" (CMS). The FY 2019-20 standard of 53% was calculated by dividing the number of mediations resulting in resolution (8,704) by the number of mediations concluded (16,507).

This measure is a percentage of mediations that concluded with one of the following results: (1) lump sum settlement; (2) all pending issues resolved; or (3) all pending issues resolved except attorneys fees. This percentage is compiled on a fiscal year basis.

#### Validity:

Validity refers to the fit between an operational definition and the concept it is purported to measure. This indicator is a valid measure of the outcome because it meets the criteria of two of the three types of statistical validation: (1) subjective validation (face validity), and (2) criterion-related validation. First, on the face of it, this indicator appears to measure the concept it is intended to measure (face validity). Second, the content or apparent meaning of this measure is not as important as its usefulness as an indicator of the outcome (criterion-related validity). The test of this type of validity is the ability of this measure to classify or group data in terms of a single criterion (the percent of concluded mediations resulting in resolution).

This indicator is a valid measure of how effectively the state mediation program is resolving disputed workers' compensation claims. The percentage of concluded mediations that result in resolution is a valid measure of the effectiveness of the mediation process.

#### **Reliability:**

Reliability assessment is essentially a matter of checking for consistency; if a measure yields the same result time after time, then it is free of random error. This indicator is a reliable measure of the Division's outcome because of its test-retest and intercoder

reliability. The test-retest procedure is the simplest method for assessing reliability and involves measuring the outcome (the percent of concluded mediations resulting in resolution) on two separate occasions. The intercoder method involves examining the extent to which different persons using the same measurement procedures get equivalent results.

As mediation conferences are concluded, the mediator records the results into the CMS for future retrieval and places those results in the case file. Any information remains in the database and the file and can be replicated at any time. Data are collected in a consistent manner, compiled on an annual basis using the same data sources, applying the same methodology and can be duplicated to achieve the same results.

# **DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

# ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES CONTRIBUTING TO PERFORMANCE MEASURES - LRPP EXHIBIT V

Measure Number	Approved Performance Measures for FY 2020-21 (Words)	Associated Activities Title		
1	Percent of cases closed within 120 days after filing	Conduct Administrative Hearings and Proceedings		
2	Percent of cases scheduled for hearing within 90 days after filing	Conduct Administrative Hearings and Proceedings		
3	Number of cases closed	Conduct Administrative Hearings and Proceedings		
4	Percent of professional licensure cases closed within 120 days after filing	Conduct Administrative Hearings and Proceedings		
5	Percent of professional licensure cases scheduled for hearing within 90 days after filing	Conduct Administrative Hearings and Proceedings		

Measure Number	Approved Performance Measures for FY 2020-21 (Words)	Associated Activities Title           Adjudicate and Hear Workers' Compensation Disputes			
1	Percent of petitions closed within the statutory timeframe				
2	Number of petitions closed	Adjudicate and Hear Workers' Compensation Disputes			
3	Average number of days from date petition filed to date petition closed	Adjudicate and Hear Workers' Compensation Disputes			
4	Percent of timely held mediations (130 days)	Facilitate Mediation of Workers' Compensation Disputes			
5	Number of mediations held	Facilitate Mediation of Workers' Compensation Disputes			

Measure Number	Approved Performance Measures for FY 2020-21 (Words)	Associated Activities Title		
6	Percent of concluded mediations resulting in resolution (all issues except attorneys fees)	Facilitate Mediation of Workers' Compensation Disputes		

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS		FISCAL YEAR 2019-20			
SECTION I: BUDGET		OPERATING		FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	
TOTAL ALL FUNDS GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT			26,909,256		
ADJUSTMENTS TO GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT (Supplementals, Vetoes, Budget Amendments, etc.) FINAL BUDGET FOR AGENCY			194,995 27,104,251	(	
SECTION II: ACTIVITIES * MEASURES	Number of Units	(1) Unit Cost	(2) Expenditures (Allocated)	(3) FCO	
Executive Direction, Administrative Support and Information Technology (2) Conduct Administrative Hearings And Proceedings * Number of cases closed	6,877	1,144.11	7,868,022		
Adjudicate And Hear Workers' Compensation Disputes * Number of petitions closed	75,003	203.47	15,260,890		
Facilitate Mediation Of Workers' Compensation Disputes * Number of mediations held	18,211	194.93	3,549,920		
			26,678,832	1	
SECTION III: RECONCILIATION TO BUDGET PASS THROUGHS					
TRANSFER - STATE AGENCIES AID TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS					
PAYMENT OF PENSIONS, BENEFITS AND CLAIMS					
OTHER REVERSIONS			425,422		
TOTAL BUDGET FOR AGENCY (Total Activities + Pass Throughs + Reversions) - Should equal Section I above. (4)					
			27,104,254	L	
SCHEDULE XI/EXHIBIT VI: AGENCY-LEVEL UNIT COST SUMMA	NRY				

(1) Some activity unit costs may be overstated due to the allocation of double budgeted items.

(2) Expenditures associated with Executive Direction, Administrative Support and Information Technology have been allocated based on FTE. Other allocation methodologies could result in significantly different unit costs per activity.

(3) Information for FCO depicts amounts for current year appropriations only. Additional information and systems are needed to develop meaningful FCO unit costs.

(4) Final Budget for Agency and Total Budget for Agency may not equal due to rounding.

## **Glossary of Terms and Acronyms**

- ALJ Administrative Law Judge
- CMS Case Management System
- **DOAH** Division of Administrative Hearings
- FTE -Full Time Equivalent Position
- FY Fiscal Year
- OJCC Office of the Judges of Compensation Claims
- PL Professional Licensure Case