

MANAGE APPLICATIONS FOR PERMANENT PARTIAL DISABILITY AWARDS

WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS MANAGEMENT TOOLS FOR OHIO MANUFACTURERS

Injured workers who suffer permanent damage to a body part as a result of a work-related injury or occupational disease can apply for a percentage of permanent partial disability award (by filing BWC form C-92). This is compensation for permanent impairments caused by a work-related injury or occupational disease.

This sometimes surprises employers because the award application is filed after they consider the claim closed. However, injured workers may not file for a percentage of permanent partial disability award until 26 weeks have elapsed from the date of their last payment of BWC compensation or from the date of injury in medical-only claims.

BWC determines the initial percentage of permanent partial impairment award based on an independent medical examiner's recommendation. BWC requires a medical exam to determine the extent of impairment. After the medical exam, the BWC issues a tentative order.

Employers (and injured workers) have 20 days from receiving the BWC's order to object to the percentage of disability awarded. If an objection is filed, the Industrial Commission of Ohio will hear the objection and make a ruling based on the medical evidence presented. Either party may then request the initial ruling be reconsidered, but it cannot be further appealed.

Injured workers can also use the BWC form C-92 to request an increase in the percentage of permanent partial award, based on changes in the claim, e.g. additional allowed conditions, additional medical documentation, etc.

Your OMA Account Manager will guide you through the process and your best options with regard to Permanent Partial Disability awards.