**Section 2026.515 Fees for Records**

a) In accordance with Section 2026.525, unless a fee is otherwise fixed by statute, the Commission will provide copies of records and certifications of records in accordance with the fee schedule set forth in Appendix A.

b) *In calculating its actual cost for reproducing records or for the use of the equipment of the Commission to reproduce records, the Commission will not include the costs of any search for and review of the records or other personnel costs associated with reproducing the records.* (Section 6(b) of FOIA)

c) In order to expedite the copying of records that the Commission cannot copy, due to the volume of the request or the operational needs of the Commission, in the timelines established in Section 2026.405, the requester may provide, at the requester's expense, the copy machine, all necessary materials, and the labor to copy the public records at the Commission headquarters in Section 2026.501, or at another location agreed to by both the Commission and the requester. No original record shall be removed from State-controlled premises except under constant supervision of the agency responsible for maintaining the record.

d) Copies of records will be provided to the requester only upon payment of any fees due. *The Commission may charge the requester for the actual cost of purchasing the recording medium, whether disc, diskette, tape, or other medium, but the Commission will not charge the requester for the costs of any search for and review of the records or other personnel costs associated with reproducing the records.* (Section 6(a) of FOIA) Payment must be by check or money order sent to the Commission, payable to "Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission".

e) If a contractor is used to inspect or copy records, the following procedures shall apply:

1) The requester, rather than the Commission, must contract with the contractor;

2) The requester is responsible for all fees charged by the contractor;

3) The requester must notify the Commission of the contractor to be used prior to the scheduled on-site inspection or copying;

4) Only Commission personnel may provide records to the contractor;

5) The Commission must have verification that the requester has paid the Commission, if payment is due, for the copying of the records before providing the records to the contractor; and

6) The requester must provide to the Commission the contractor's written agreement to hold the records secure and to copy the records only for the purpose stated by the requester.

f) *The Commission may charge up to $10 for each hour spent by personnel in searching for and retrieving a requested record. No fees shall be charged for the first 8 hours spent by personnel in searching for or retrieving a requested record. The Commission may charge the actual cost of retrieving and transporting public records from an off-site storage facility when the public records are maintained by a third-party storage company under contract with the Commission. If the Commission imposes a fee pursuant to this subsection (f), it must provide the requester with an accounting of all fees, costs, and personnel hours in connection with the request for public records. The provisions of this subsection (f) apply only to commercial requests.* (Section 6(f) of FOIA)