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SUBJECT: Workers' Compensation for State Active Duty

It is the policy of the State of Alaska to apply Workers' Compensation regulations for occupational injury or illness medical bills and Time Loss Benefit through the Workers' Compensation system. The Department of Labor and Workforce Development Division of Workers' Compensation is the agency charged with the administration of the Alaska Workers' Compensation Act (Act). Service members activated into State Active Duty are covered through the State of Alaska self-insurance for Workers' Compensation administered by the Department of Administration's Division of Risk Management.

Workers' Compensation is applicable for Service Members who report and file a timely occupational injury or illness report while activated on State Active Duty. Workers' Compensation Claims are administered/assessed through a third-party claim administrator. Medical claims related to the occupational injury or illness are covered immediately and Time Loss Benefits following a 3-day waiting period. The Service Member will be placed on unpaid State Active Duty Orders until released back to duty by their treating physician.

In the circumstance that a Service Member's duties are mission essential and the injury is of a nature they could continue those essential duties, the Service Member's Commander will determine if the Service Member should remain on paid State Active Duty Orders. Commanders will confer with the Administrative Services Director (ASD) prior to making a decision. Any pay received from work performed will be considered and factored into the Time Loss Benefit calculation.

Approved

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Torrence W. Saxe, Commissioner