

**342.276 Mediation program.**

- (1) The commissioner shall establish a program to provide an opportunity for mediation of disputes as to the entitlement to benefits under this chapter.
- (2) The commissioner shall promulgate administrative regulations necessary to establish and implement the mediation program, which shall prescribe the qualifications and duties of mediators; a process for the designation of mediators; procedures for the conduct of mediation proceedings; and the issues which shall be subject to mediation.
- (3) Recommendations by mediators are without administrative or judicial authority and are not binding on the parties unless the parties enter into a settlement agreement incorporating the recommendations. Administrative law judges may participate in the mediation process but shall not issue findings or orders as a result of the process unless agreed to by the parties.

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