

Chiropractor Writes Workers' Compensation Standards for Florida

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Stanley S. Kaplan, D.C., D.A.B.C.O., F.I.C.C., of Cocoa, Florida, a post graduate faculty member of seven chiropractic colleges teaching the subject of Impairment Rating for the orthopedics program, has recently been appointed by the secretary of the Department of Labor in the state of Florida to write and produce a new set of impairment values for Florida.

On October 1, 1990, Florida stopped using the AMA Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment as its standard for Workers' Compensation and temporarily adopted the Minnesota standards. The Minnesota standards will be used until January 1, 1991, at which time Florida will adopt its own standards.

Dr. Kaplan is one of a six member committee charged with this monumental task. Other members of the committee include two orthopedic surgeons, a psychiatrist, an osteopath and an attorney.

Dr. Kaplan has been teaching impairment rating to physicians and attorneys all over the world for the past 17 years. He has also authored his own textbook titled Impairment Rating for Disability Evaluation, which is presently in its 3rd printing. This text helps to simplify the use of the current 1988 edition of the AMA guides.

Dr. Kaplan is also the current chairman of the Florida State Board of Chiropractic appointed by Florida Governor Bob Martinez.

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