

DRAFT PROPOSAL – Averaging Multiple Impairment Ratings  
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TITLE 02

CHAPTER 04

17.02.04 – ADMINISTRATIVE RULES OF THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION  
UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW –  
BENEFITS

(Break in continuity of sections)

281. **RULE GOVERNING ~~CONVERSION OF~~ IMPAIRMENT RATINGS TO ~~“WHOLE MAN”~~ STANDARD.**

**01. Converting Single Rating of Body Part to Whole Person Rating.** In the event of a percentage rating followed by the practitioner's equating the same to the whole man by one or more steps (e.g., a percentage of the foot, which equals a percentage of the lower extremity, which equals a percentage of the whole man), the initial or basic percentage rating of the injured part (or in non-scheduled injury, percentage of a comparative scheduled injury) shall be converted to the exact percentage of the whole man in accordance with the Industrial Commission Schedule, Section 72-428, Idaho Code, with the base of five hundred (500) weeks for the whole man. Where a single rating is given, such shall be deemed the final rating and converted in the same manner. (1-2-75)

**02. Averaging Multiple Ratings.** ~~Where more than one (1) evaluating physician has given such ratings, these shall be similarly converted to the statutory percentage of the whole man, and an average obtained for the applicable rating.~~ When two or more impairment ratings for the same injury have been given by different physicians, payment to claimant of permanent disability based on permanent impairment may be based on the average of such ratings. If such ratings are not averaged, claimant shall be notified of such ratings and advised of his right to challenge employer's decision to pay without averaging. (1-2-75)(\_\_\_\_\_)

**03. Correcting Manifest Injustice.** In the event that the Commission deems a manifest injustice would result from the above ruling, it may at its discretion take steps necessary to correct such injustice. (1-2-75)