



DIGICOMP NEWS: DigiComp is the planning phase of a two part comprehensive information system modernization project. The planning phase is expected to last throughout 2015. Implementation (the second phase of the project) will occur in 2016.

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One technology that is being considered for incorporation into the new DigiComp system is videoconferencing capability. Our current statutory framework allows videoconferencing under certain conditions. K.S.A. 44-549(a) states in part, “All hearings upon all claims for compensation under the workers compensation act shall be held by the administrative law judge in person in the county in which the accident occurred, or by video conferencing or telephone conference unless otherwise mutually agreed by the employee and employer.”

GoToMeeting is an online videoconferencing software that at least one administrative law judge has used as often as five to seven times each week for pre-hearing settlement conferences or any type of teleconference where it was advantageous for everyone participating to be able to see each other. In addition, GoToMeeting and similar types of videoconferencing software make it possible to share documents, to make an audio recording of the proceedings, and to take screen shots for a visual record of the participants. Videoconferencing eliminates travel time and expense for the parties involved. This can be significant when the parties have to travel from Kansas City or Wichita to a rural part of the state. In some cases, claimants have moved out of state, sometimes as far as either coast, in which case travel costs could be exorbitant.

The DigiComp Team will continue to provide monthly updates of the status of our project, and details regarding the new system.

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We welcome any questions or input, which can be sent to digicomp@dol.ks.gov.