**Section 2725.270 Recommended Decision**

a) The Director's Representative shall issue a recommended decision without a hearing when:

1) The Record fails to state a basis for relief under the facts stated or the law;

2) The Petition or revised Petition, Application for review of rate determination, Application for revision of statement of benefit charges, or Claim for refund or adjustment was not filed in a timely manner as provided for in the Act and no issues relating to timeliness have been raised by the petitioner.

b) The Director's Representative, at the conclusion of the hearing, or upon the failure of an appealing party to appear at a scheduled hearing or failure of that party to provide any necessary telephone number or to answer at a designated telephone number at the time of the scheduled hearing as provided in Section 2725.220, shall submit his or her recommended decision to the Director. The recommended decision shall include:

1) A statement of issues involved;

2) Findings of fact;

3) Conclusions of law;

4) A recommended decision.

c) A copy of the recommended decision shall be served upon all parties.

d) The recommended decision shall become the decision of the Director unless objections are filed to the recommended decision in accordance with Section 2725.275.

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