**Section 200.1045 Default**

If a party, after proper service of notice, fails to appear at a pre‑hearing conference or at a hearing, and if no continuance is granted, the Department may then proceed and make its decision in the absence of that party. If the failure to appear at the pre‑hearing conference or hearing is due to an emergency situation beyond the party's control, and the Department is notified of the situation on or before the scheduled pre‑hearing conference or hearing date, the pre‑hearing conference or hearing will be continued or postponed. Emergency situations include sudden unavailability of counsel, sudden illness of a party or his or her representative, or similar situations beyond the party's control.

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