**Section 1848.7 Pre-Hearing Conferences**

At the request of any party to a hearing, a pre-hearing conference shall be scheduled by the hearing officer:

a) To define the factual and legal issues to be litigated at the hearing;

b) To set a discovery schedule for the hearing, in accordance with 62 Ill. Adm. Code 1848.9;

c) To schedule a date for the hearing; and

d) To arrive at an equitable settlement of the hearing request, if possible.