

RULE 099.21 TREATMENT AT VETERANS ADMINISTRATION HOSPITAL**#099.21**

In the event an injured workman enters a Veterans Administration Hospital for treatment of an on-the-job injury, the Veterans Administration Hospital, as soon as it ascertains from the injured employee that he is suffering from an alleged compensable injury, shall promptly notify the employer and its insurance carrier, as well as the Arkansas Workers' Compensation Commission that the injured employee is under its care. Upon receipt of such notice, the employer or its insurance carrier shall immediately offer in writing to provide the employee care in a private hospital under the care of a private physician qualified to treat the particular difficulty. The treating physician shall be chosen by respondents, but the right of the employee to change physicians under Section 11 (§ 81-1311)[*] shall not be abrogated. A copy of the offer shall be furnished to the Veterans Administration Hospital. In the event the offer is declined by the employee, then the employer and its insurance carrier shall not be liable for the expense of the treatment rendered by the Veterans Administration Hospital. (Effective March 1, 1982)

* See Ark. Code Ann. § 11-9-514.