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<p align="center">Click Bishop Commissioner</p>	<p>SUBJECT</p>	<p>Adoption of American Medical Association's <i>Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment, Sixth Edition</i>; Use of <i>Sixth Edition</i> Required for Rating Permanent Partial Impairments effective March 31, 2008.</p>	
	<p>REFERENCES</p>	<p>AS 23.30.190; 8 AAC 45.122</p>	

A new edition of the American Medical Association's *Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment* was published in December 2007. At an open meeting, as required by AS 23.30.190(d), the Alaska Workers' Compensation Board selected a date upon which the new *Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment, Sixth Edition* must be used. Effective March 31, 2008 all permanent partial impairment determinations and ratings under AS 23.30.190(b) must be done using the American Medical Association's *Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment, Sixth Edition*.