



Enhancements to WCAIS Functionality

The following enhancements have been incorporated into WCAIS as of March 6, 2014:

- Claim assignment process
- Numbering of paragraphs in petitions
- Additional defendants display on proof of service

Claim Assignment Process

If there is a matter in litigation before one judge, and another petition is filed involving the same employee/claimant, both matters will be assigned to the same judge, even if injury dates or employers are different (i.e. a different claim number).

Numbering of Paragraphs in Petitions

With the following petitions filed directly into WCAIS, numbered paragraphs will now appear to allow the respondent to submit answers directly corresponding to the numbers:

- Claim Petition (LIBC-0362)
- Petition for Physical Examination or Expert Interview of Employee (LIBC-499)

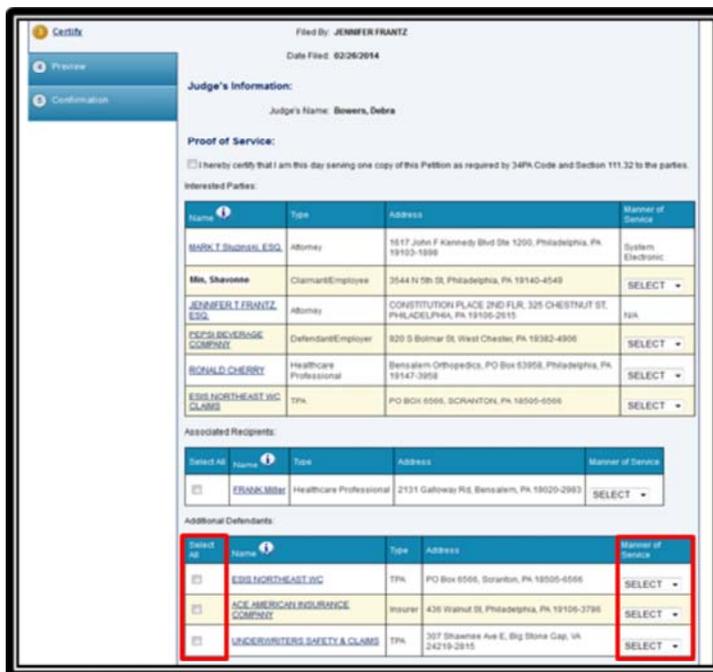
Refer to the screenshot below:

Additional Defendants Display on Proof of Service

"Additional Defendants" will now display on the certification tab in WCAIS whenever the following actions are taken within the system:

- Filing an appeal to the Pennsylvania Workers' Compensation Appeal Board (Appeal Board)
- Filing a petition to the Appeal Board
- Submitting an abeyance request to the Appeal Board
- Submitting a withdrawal request to the Appeal Board
- Submitting briefs to the Appeal Board

As shown on the following screenshot, you can select individual defendants by checking the box in front of the defendant's name or you can select all defendants by pressing the Select All link in the table header row. You must select the manner of service for each selected defendant.



The additional defendants' information is also included in the printed Proof of Service correspondence generated by WCAIS.

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