

(C) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, AN AGENT MAY NOT CHARGE OR ACCEPT COMPENSATION FOR REPRESENTING A CLAIMANT IN A PROCEEDING BEFORE A HEARING EXAMINER.

(D) IN A PROCEEDING BEFORE A HEARING EXAMINER, AN EMPLOYER MAY APPEAR PRO SE OR BE REPRESENTED BY A LAWYER OR ANOTHER AGENT AUTHORIZED BY THE EMPLOYER.

(E) A PERSON MAY NOT SOLICIT, FOR THAT PERSON OR ANOTHER PERSON, THE BUSINESS OF APPEARING ON BEHALF OF A CLAIMANT IN A PROCEEDING BEFORE A HEARING EXAMINER.

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(A) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO FILES A CLAIM FOR BENEFITS OR AN EMPLOYER ENTITLED TO NOTICE OF A DETERMINATION OR REDETERMINATION OF THE CLAIM MAY FILE AN APPEAL WITH THE LOWER APPEALS DIVISION WITHIN 15 DAYS AFTER NOTICE OF THE DETERMINATION OR REDETERMINATION IS MAILED TO THE CLAIMANT OR EMPLOYER AT THE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS OF THE CLAIMANT OR EMPLOYER OR OTHERWISE IS DELIVERED.

(B) THE SECRETARY, AT THE SECRETARY'S DISCRETION, MAY BE A PARTY TO AN APPEAL FILED BY A CLAIMANT OR EMPLOYING UNIT WITH THE LOWER APPEALS DIVISION.

(C) UNLESS AN APPEAL FILED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION IS WITHDRAWN OR REMOVED TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS, A HEARING EXAMINER SHALL:

(1) GIVE THE PARTIES A REASONABLE OPPORTUNITY FOR A FAIR HEARING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NOTICE PROVISIONS IN §§ 10-207 AND 10-208 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, EXCEPT THAT THE NOTICE IS NOT SUBJECT TO § 10-208(B)(4) AND (7) OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE;

(2) MAKE FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, BASED ON A PREPONDERANCE OF EVIDENCE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 10-217 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE; AND