STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

C6-74-45550

ORDER AMENDING POLICY STATEMENT OF THE MINNESOTA **NO-FAULT STANDING COMMITTEE**

By Order dated July 11, 2000, this Court solicited comments regarding proposed changes to Section 7 of the Policy Statement of the Minnesota No-Fault Standing Committee. The Court has considered and reviewed the comments submitted and is advised in the premises.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the attached amendments to Section 7 of the Policy Statement of the Minnesota No-Fault Standing Committee are adopted.

BY THE COURT:

Kathleen A. Blatz **Chief Justice**

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7. Arbitrator Conduct Complaints

A complaint regarding the arbitrator's conduct <u>at a hearing during an arbitration</u> proceeding will be handled as follows:

- 1. Upon receipt of a complaint about arbitrator conduct during an arbitration, all relevant correspondence will be referred to one of the members of the Arbitrator Conduct Subcommittee. The AAA shall inform the parties that the arbitrator's award itself may be challenged only in accordance with Rule 38 of the Minnesota No-Fault Arbitration Rules.
- 2. Such complaints will be rotated on an equitable basis among the members of the sSubcommittee subject to any conflicts of interest than that an individual sSubcommittee member might raise with respect to a particular investigation.
- 3. The investigating sSubcommittee member may shall then contact the arbitrator in question, the complainant and opposing counsel (or prose claimant), verify that he or she they have received all relevant correspondence, and solicit his or her their responses, be it whether written or oral.
- 4. The investigator should shall then assemble this material and make a written recommendation to the sSubcommittee. The recommendation may include, but shall not necessarily be limited to, no action, written reprimand, suspension, or removal from the panel of arbitrators.

The <u>sSubcommittee</u> will then issue a written recommendation to the full Standing Committee which will then consider that the recommendation at a regularly scheduled quarterly meeting. In the event the recommendation is for suspension or removal of the arbitrator, the arbitrator shall, prior to a vote on the recommendation, be afforded an opportunity for a hearing before the Standing Committee.