**Section 240.455 Continuance of the Hearing**

a) During the hearing, the appellant/authorized representative may request a continuance from the Hearing Officer. The continuance shall be granted if:

1) the appellant needs additional information;

2) a necessary witness is absent;

3) the appellant is ill;

4) the appellant's authorized representative is unavailable; or

5) for any other reason that necessitates a continuance in order for the appellant to present the appeal.

b) The appeal shall be continued to the next available docket opening, if acceptable to the appellant.

c) If the continuance is allowed, the ninety (90) calendar day time limitation of the appeal process shall be extended by the number of calendar days of the allowed continuance.

(Source: Amended at 13 Ill. Reg. 11193, effective July 1, 1989)