

## **51030 Hearing Officer's Authority**

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The hearing officer may, on his/her own motion or the motion of any party, as the hearing officer deems appropriate: (1) Consolidate for hearing or decision any number of issues or appeals when the facts and circumstances are similar and no substantial right of any party will be prejudiced. (2) Join other parties, grant continuances and hold additional formal hearings as necessary to dispose of all issues. (3) Hear any issue before any other issue in the proceeding where it is found that the decision on that issue could abate further proceedings. (4) Prepare a proposed decision on any separately heard issue for the Director's signature and postpone hearing on any remaining issues until a final decision has been issued by the Director.

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