

## N E W S L I N E

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### **WCAB Extends Public Comment Period Until January 31 on Proposed Amendments to Board Rules**

The Workers' Compensation Appeals Board (WCAB) has extended the public comment period for proposed rulemaking changes mandated by Senate Bill 1160.

WCAB conducted a public hearing on January 4 regarding proposed rules in response to SB 1160 (Stats. 2016, ch. 868), which amended Labor Code section 4903.05 to require that section 4903(b) lien claimants file a declaration that includes information regarding the type of services provided by the lien claimant. This rulemaking will mandate use of an e-filed form declaration to ensure uniform procedures for lien claimants who first file their liens after January 1, 2017 and current lien claimants who are required to file a declaration by July 1, 2017.

The Notice of Rulemaking stated written comments from the public on the proposed rules and amendments would be accepted until 5 p.m. on January 4. The WCAB is now extending the public comment period until 5 p.m. on January 31, 2017.

Comments may be submitted by e-mail to [WCABRules@dir.ca.gov](mailto:WCABRules@dir.ca.gov) or mailed to:

Workers' Compensation Appeals Board  
Attention: Annette Gabrielli, Regulations Coordinator  
P.O. Box 429459  
San Francisco CA 94142-9459

The WCAB's notice of the proposed rulemaking, the text of the proposed regulations, and the initial statement of reasons are posted [online](#). A link to the current lien form and the supplemental lien form can be found on the Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) [website](#). DWC has also posted [frequently asked questions](#) regarding the lien form.

The WCAB will consider all timely public comments and encourages all interested members of the workers' compensation community to participate in this important process.

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