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DWC Posts Draft Revisions to Benefit Notice Manual to Online Forum for Public Comment

The Audit Unit of the Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) has posted draft revisions to the Benefit Notice Manual and sample benefit notices to the [DWC forums](#) for public comment.

The Division welcomes suggestions from the workers' compensation community to improve the quality and clarity of the draft notices.

The "safe harbor" provision of Title 8, Cal. Code of Regulations, section 9810(f) provides that "Benefit notices using the sample notices devised by the Administrative Director and available on the Division's website are presumed to be adequate notice to the employee and, *unless modified*, shall not be subject to audit penalties."

The Division will accept comments until 5 p.m. on Friday, October 9, 2015.

This comment period *does not* concern the text of the benefit notice regulations that take effect on January 1, 2016. The Division cautions the claims community that the revised notices may not be used until the regulations take effect on January 1, 2016.

The Division anticipates posting the final revised Benefit Notice Manual and sample benefits notices to the Division's website on or about October 15, 2015.

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