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DWC Posts Further Amendments to Draft Home Health Care Fee Schedule Regulations

The Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) today posted [amended draft regulations](#) to implement a fee schedule for home health care services. Members of the public are invited to present written comments regarding the proposed modifications to dwcrules@dir.ca.gov until 5 p.m. on September 26, 2016.

The proposed regulations set forth a payment methodology and fees for services provided to injured workers in the home setting, including skilled care by licensed medical professionals as well as unskilled personal care and domestic services.

California Senate Bill 863 requires DWC's Administrative Director to establish a fee schedule for home health care services, which range from skilled nursing and therapy services to unskilled personal care or domestic care services.

Following the Office of Administrative Law's publication of DWC's initial draft of these regulations, a public hearing was held November 30, 2015 for comment.

Upon review of the comments received during the first 15-day comment period that ended on June 8, 2016, DWC has amended its regulations to provide additional detail and clarity. The regulations also refer to the Medical Treatment Utilization Schedule (MTUS), which covers home health care services. The [MTUS rulemaking documents](#) are posted online.

The [updated notice and draft regulation text](#) are posted online.

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