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DWC Issues Second 15-day Notice for Modifications to Proposed Independent Bill Review (IBR), Billing and Payment Regulations, and Third 15-day Notice for Modifications to Proposed Independent Medical Review (IMR) Regulations

The Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) has posted a second 15-day notice of modification to the Standardized Paper Billing and Payment, and Electronic Billing and Payment regulations, and a third 15-day notice of modifications to the proposed Independent Medical Review (IMR) regulations, to the DWC [website](#). Members of the public are invited to present written comments regarding the proposed modifications to dwcrules@dir.ca.gov until 5 p.m. on December 26, 2013.

The proposed modifications for the IBR and billing regulations include:

- Revised forms for providers to request a second bill review and IBR
- Addition of new subdivision providing that the 90-day time limit for requesting a second review may be extended by mutual written agreement between the provider and the claims administrator
- Revision limiting the number of separate IBR requests that can be consolidated for a single IBR determination to a maximum of 20
- Clarification of the Medical Billing and Payment Guide and the Electronic Medical Billing and Payment Companion Guide version numbers and effective dates
- Revision of the effective date of new forms and instruction manuals to coincide with the effective date of the regulations in order to preclude retroactive application
- Clarification of the usage of several fields in the new CMS 1500 form

- Revisions to coordinate the elements required to identify documentation supporting paper bills and electronic bills.

The proposed modifications for the IMR and regulations include:

- Revision to the instructions of the Application for Independent Medical Review (DWC Form IMR) to clarify the consequence of a decision to not participate in the IMR process
- Clarification that an IMR determination cannot issue based solely on information provided by a utilization review determination.

The notice, text of the regulations, and forms can be found on the proposed regulations pages for [IMR](#) and [IBR](#).

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