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DWC Issues Revision to WCIS Regulations with Additional 15-Day Public Comment Period

Following a public hearing on July 14 and review of written comments, the Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) has made revisions to its Workers' Compensation Information System (WCIS) <u>regulations</u> and is revising the proposed regulations for an additional public comment period of 15 days. Members of the public are invited to present written comments regarding the proposed modifications to <u>dwcrules@dir.ca.gov</u> until 5 p.m. on Friday, September 19.

DWC incorporated the primarily technical changes to the WCIS regulations proposed by members of the workers' compensation community, including:

- Adding reference to the pre-2014 Official Medical Fee Schedule, to make sure that no data is lost during the transition period to the revised regulations
- Broadening ICD diagnosis data collected to include both ICD-9 and ICD-10 data
- Clarifying procedures for reporting lump-sum lien settlement payment data.

The DWC believes that these updates will allow WCIS to collect more robust and useful data that will assist with research regarding workers' compensation issues.

The notice and text of the regulations can be found on the proposed regulations page.

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