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DWC Issues Revision to Copy Service Fee Schedule Regulations for Second 15-Day Public Comment Period

Following a public hearing on July 1 and a review of comments from a previous 15-day public comment period, the Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) has made additional revisions to its Copy Service Fee Schedule regulations. Members of the public are invited to present written comments regarding the proposed modifications to dwcrules@dir.ca.gov until 5 p.m. on Saturday, November 8.

Proposed <u>revisions</u> include:

- Reinstating authorizations into the fee schedule to avoid a loophole that would have allowed for billing outside of the schedule. Additionally, authorizations have been defined including stating the specific uses and limitations on the type of information to be disclosed and a specific date after which the provider is no longer authorized to disclose the information.
- Clarifying the regulations regarding records obtained from the Workers'
 Compensation Insurance Rating Bureau (WCIRB) and Employment
 Development Department (EDD). Claims adjusters will not be liable for
 subpoenaed records from the WCIRB and EDD when such records can be
 obtained without a subpoena at lower cost. Twenty dollars is allowed for records
 from EDD and \$30 allowed for records from WCIRB.
- Replacing the requirement that professional photocopier certificates be attached to each bill with supplying professional photocopier registration numbers.











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