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DWC Issues Notice of Public Hearing on January 21 for Proposed Evidence-Based Update to the Medical Treatment Utilization Schedule

The Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) has issued a Notice of Public Hearing for a proposed evidence-based update to the Medical Treatment Utilization Schedule (MTUS), which can be found at California Code of Regulations, title 8, section 9792.22.

The conference call public hearing is scheduled for Friday, January 21 at 10 a.m. and members of the public may attend by calling 866-390-1828 and using access code 5497535#. Members of the public are invited to review and comment on the proposed updates. Written comments must be submitted no later than January 21. Please see the [proposed regulation page](#) for direction for submitting written comments.

The proposed evidence-based update to the MTUS incorporate by reference the latest published guideline from American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (ACOEM) for the following:

- Initial Approaches to Treatment (ACOEM October 22, 2021)

The proposed evidence-based update to the MTUS regulations are exempt from Labor Code sections 5307.3 and 5307.4 and the rulemaking provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act. However, DWC is required under Labor Code section 5307.27 to have a 30-day public comment period, hold a public hearing, respond to all the comments received during the public comment period and publish the order adopting the update online.