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Division of Workers' Compensation issues first 15-day notice of revisions to electronic medical treatment billing and standardized paper medical billing regulations

The Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) has modified its proposed regulations to adopt standardized paper medical treatment billing forms and electronic medical billing standards. The 15-day notice of modification has been posted on the DWC Web site. Medical e-billing regulations will encourage electronic billing and faster payments to physicians and are part of the division's 12-point plan to help control medical costs in California's workers' compensation system.

The modified proposal and additional information can be found at http://www.dir.ca.gov/dwc/DWCPropRegs/Ebilling/EBilling_Regulations.htm.

Members of the public may comment on the revisions until 5 p.m. on Jan. 21, 2011.

The proposed revisions include:

- Modification of the text of the regulations relating to the documents incorporated by reference, the effective date of the regulations and changes to improve clarity and consistency
- Modification of the medical billing and payment guide and the electronic medical billing and payment companion guide for clarity and consistency
- Specification of 5010 versions of the electronic billing transaction standards instead of the 4010 versions of those standards (the 5010 standards are the national standards that will be mandatory under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act in 2012)
- Specification of the updated pharmaceutical electronic billing standards (the updated standards are the national standards that will be mandatory under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act in 2012)
- Specification of updated manuals for the CMS 1500 form, the UB-04 form and the ADA dental form.

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