

TITLE 8. INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS
DIVISION 1. DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS
CHAPTER 4.5. DIVISION OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION
SUBCHAPTER 1. ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR -- ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
ARTICLE 5.5.2 MEDICAL TREATMENT UTILIZATION SCHEDULE

§ 9792.23.10. Occupational/Work Related Asthma Guideline.

(a) The Administrative Director adopts and incorporates by reference the Occupational/Work Related Asthma Guideline (ACOEM Practice Guidelines, June 26, 2015) into the MTUS from the ACOEM Practice Guidelines.

(b) Asthma is a common chronic disorder of the airways that involves airflow obstruction, bronchial hyperresponsiveness, and underlying inflammation. Increased airway responsiveness to a variety of stimuli is typical.

(c) Work-related asthma includes both occupational asthma and work exacerbated asthma and presents with symptoms of asthma that begin or become worse at work, usually following a change in the work environment. Symptoms may occur during or after work hours.

(d) Work-exacerbated asthma consists of preexisting reactive airways disease that is made temporarily or permanently worse due to exposure to a substance in the workplace.

(e) Occupational asthma is new onset asthma in the workplace that can be caused by exposure to either a sensitizer or irritant in the workplace.

Authority cited: Sections 133, 4603.5, 5307.3 and 5307.27, Labor Code.
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