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DWC Emergency Regulations for Medical-Legal Evaluations and Reporting in Response to COVID-19 in Effect through October 12, 2021

The Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) announces its <u>emergency</u> <u>regulations</u> 36.7 and 46.2 for medical-legal evaluations and reporting, which became effective on May 14, 2020 and were set to expire in January 2021, have been extended until October 12, 2021. The new expiration date is in accordance with Executive Orders N-40-20 and N-71-20.

This is the first 210-day extension of these regulations. If the Executive Orders remain in effect the DWC may be entitled to a second 210-day extension. The text of the emergency regulations can be found on the DWC website.

These emergency regulations help injured workers and employers continue to move their workers' compensation claims toward a resolution and avoid additional and undue delay by addressing how medical-legal evaluations may proceed during this emergency period and providing alternative means for service of required forms related to medical-legal evaluations and reports.

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