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VIA E-MAIL to dwcrules@dir.ca.gov

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RE: WCIS – Written comments on Modifications to Proposed WCIS Regulatory Changes

Dear Ms. Gray:

This written comment on modifications to proposed changes to the Workers' Compensation Information System (WCIS) regulations is presented on behalf of members of the California Workers' Compensation Institute (the Institute). Institute members include insurers writing 84% of California's workers' compensation premium, and self-insured employers with \$36B of annual payroll (20% of the state's total annual self-insured payroll).

The California Workers' Compensation Institute appreciates the Division changing the proposed effective date to 12 months after the approved regulations are filed with the Secretary of State. The Division expects that medical billing standards will be implemented by that date, however it will not know what medical information will be available for reporting to WCIS until the medical billing standards are finalized. The Institute therefore recommends that the Division delay further consideration of changes to the WCIS system until the medical billing standards are finalized.

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact me for further clarification or if I can be of any other assistance.

Sincerely,

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Claims and Medical Director

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cc: Carrie Nevans, DWC Acting Administrative Director
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