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## **Division of Workers' Compensation issues second 15-day notice of revisions to proposed medical treatment guideline regulations**

The Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) has modified its medical treatment utilization schedule (MTUS) regulations. A second 15-day notice of modification was distributed to interested parties and the revised regulations are posted on the DWC Web site. Members of the public may comment on the revisions until 5 p.m. on Apr. 16, 2007.

The proposed MTUS regulations, commonly referred to as medical treatment guidelines, are authorized by Labor Code section 5307.27. This Labor Code section requires the administrative director to adopt a medical treatment utilization schedule.

The revisions in this draft of the regulations include the following:

- Clarified proposed section 9792.21(a)(2) setting forth the acupuncture medical treatment guidelines by deleting the requirement limiting acupuncture to a maximum of 14 treatments, as continued treatment is controlled by the proposed definition of functional improvement
- Clarified the meaning of "randomization" and "co-interventions" in Table A, set forth in proposed section 9792.22(c)
- Amended proposed section 9792.23 to include representation of members of the specialty boards approved by the Medical Board of California (MBC)
- Clarified proposed section 9792.23(c) to clarify the process to be used by the medical evidence evaluation advisory committee in making recommendations to the DWC medical director.

Further information and the modified proposals can be found at [http://www.dir.ca.gov/dwc/DWCPropRegs/MedicalTreatmentUtilizationSchedule/MTUS\\_regulations.htm](http://www.dir.ca.gov/dwc/DWCPropRegs/MedicalTreatmentUtilizationSchedule/MTUS_regulations.htm).

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