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Division of Workers' Compensation posts Electronic Adjudication Management System regulations to online forum for public comment

The Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) has posted its proposed court administrator regulations and amended Disability Evaluation Unit (DEU) and Retraining and Return to Work Unit (RRTW) regulations to an online forum where members of the public may review and comment on the proposal. The proposed regulations address filing documents in the Electronic Adjudication Management System (EAMS). The court administrator regulations were previously posted to a forum in November of 2007. The version currently being posted reflects changes to the implementation plan for EAMS.

EAMS is a computer based system that will simplify and improve the DWC's case management process to more efficiently resolve claims, improve the ability to schedule and manage court calendars, allow files to be shared between multiple users and transform paper files into secure electronic files, reducing the need for physical storage space at local DWC offices and the State Records Center. EAMS will replace the current workers' compensation court technology and supporting infrastructure.

The proposed court administrator regulations are in Title 8, California Code of Regulations, sections 10210 through 10296. The proposed amended DEU regulations are in California Code of Regulations, title 8, sections 10150 through 10167. The proposed amended RRTW regulations are in Title 8, California Code of Regulations, sections 10116 through 10133.587. The RRTW regulations will be reorganized and include regulations relating to the supplemental job displacement benefit (SJDB) and vocational rehabilitation.

The forum can be found at <http://www.dir.ca.gov/Wcjudicial.htm>. Please click on "current forums" at the top of the page. For this forum, comments must be sent in by email to DWCForums@dir.ca.gov. At least once daily the forum moderator will compile the comments received and post them in a document to the forum where they can be reviewed. Comments will be accepted at the forum through March 25, 2008. Please feel free to participate in this important process.

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