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## **Division of Workers' Compensation issues a Notice of Addition of Documents to Rulemaking File Pursuant to Government Code Section 11347.1**

The Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) has issued a notice of addition of documents to the rulemaking file pursuant to Government Code section 11347.1 in connection with its medical treatment utilization schedule (MTUS) regulations. The notice was distributed to interested parties and is posted on the DWC Web site. The notice informs the public that documents supporting the rulemaking file have been added to the rulemaking file and are currently available for public inspection and comment.

DWC has proposed regulations to update and restructure the MTUS, commonly referred to as medical treatment guidelines. The proposed regulations would add two new sections to the MTUS: chronic pain guidelines and postsurgical treatment guidelines. The regulations would also update the elbow disorders chapter by adopting the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine's Occupational Medicine (ACOEM) Practice Guidelines, 2nd edition, 2007 elbow chapter. Additionally, the proposed regulations restructure the MTUS into a clinical topics format, which will allow for easier updates in the future. There have been no changes to the regulatory language.

The documents supporting the rulemaking file being added to the rulemaking file and that are currently available for public review and comment are the following:

- ODG updates and comments as a result of the California MTUS comments dated Aug. 12, 2008.
- ODG updates and comments as a result of the California MTUS comments later additions dated Aug. 12, 2008.
- ODG response to the California MTUS 15-day comments dated Jan. 5, 2009.
- Work Loss Data Institute Letter to DWC regarding "Process for ODG updates from MTUS comments dated Jan. 16, 2009.

The documents are available for public inspection during normal business hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays and the first and third Friday of each

month, at the offices of DWC from Feb. 17, 2009 to March 10, 2009. The Division is located at 1515 Clay Street, 17<sup>th</sup> Floor, Oakland, California. Members of the public are invited to review these specific documents until 5 p.m. on March 10, 2009.

Further information can be found at

[http://www.dir.ca.gov/dwc/DWCPropRegs/MTUS\\_Regulations/MTUS\\_Regulations.htm](http://www.dir.ca.gov/dwc/DWCPropRegs/MTUS_Regulations/MTUS_Regulations.htm).

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