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Division of Workers' Compensation issues second 15-day notice of revisions to proposed medical provider network and employee information regulations

The Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) has modified its medical provider network (MPN) and employee information regulations.

These draft regulations are a continuing part of the division's 12-point plan to monitor and help control medical costs in California's workers' compensation system.

A second 15-day notice of modification was distributed to interested parties and the revised regulations are posted on the DWC Web site at http://www.dir.ca.gov/dwc/DWCPropRegs/MPN_Regulations/MPN_Regulations.htm.

Members of the public may comment on the revisions until 5 p.m. on Thursday, May 6, 2010. The revisions in this draft of the regulations include the following:

1. Requires MPN notices to be in Spanish only where there are Spanish speaking employees
2. Requires an MPN contact e-mail address to be included in notices
3. Requires access to the MPN contact through the toll-free number
4. Amends provider listing requirements for accuracy
5. Update to DWC Web site on Employee Poster

The proposed revisions to MPN and employee information regulations are authorized by Labor Code sections 4616, 3550, and 3551. These Labor Code sections require the administrative director to adopt regulations for MPN's and employee information on workers' compensation benefits.

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