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Division of Workers' Compensation issues first 15-day notice of revisions to proposed public disability accommodation regulations

The Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) has modified its proposed public disability accommodation regulations. A first 15-day notice of modification was distributed today 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 October 26, 2011.

The proposed revisions to the public disability accommodation regulations are authorized by Labor Code sections 111(a), 133, 5307.3, and 5307.4 and Government Code section 11138.

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

- Additional and clarified definitions
- Inclusion of workers' compensation law judges in hearing disability accommodation requests as needed during a hearing or under exigent circumstances
- Clarification that impermissible *ex parte* communications shall be disclosed
- Elimination of the proposed Court Administrator Rules sections 10226.1-10226.6 due to statutory changes eliminating the Court Administrator position
- Minor technical edits

Further information and the modified [proposed regulations](#) are posted on the DWC Web site.

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