**UPDATED INFORMATIVE DIGEST**

Determination of Inconsistency/Incompatibility with Existing State Regulations:

The Administrative Director has determined that these proposed amendments to the regulations are not inconsistent or incompatible with existing regulations.

The Administrative Director now proposes to amend and adopt regulations and forms related to the administration of the Qualified Medical Evaluator program. The proposed regulations and forms implement, interpret, and make specific Labor Code sections 139.2, 4060, 4061, 4061.5, 4062, 4062.1, 4062.2, 4062.3, 4062.5, 4067 and 5307.3 as follows:

**Article 3. Assignment of Qualified Medical Evaluators, Evaluation Procedure (§31.3-34 & Form 31.5)**

Section 31.3 (f) is amended toprovide that subdivision (e) of the regulation applies to both Comprehensive and Follow Up Comprehensive Medical-Legal evaluations

Section 34 Amendments to sections (a), (g) and (h) are withdrawn.

Form 31.5 is amended to comply with the new time frames in regulation section 31.5 and was modified to delete “Original” and upper case “Panel” to provide that the parties can provide the most recent panel number and not necessarily the original panel number. The form was modified to include a mailing address as to where to provide the panel request form. The form was modified to add language that the requester please print their name and to add the law firm or insurance carrier that is requesting the replacement panel.Was modified to be consistent with the amendments to regulation 31.5. Specifically the update was made to delete “sixty” days and added “ninety” days. In addition, delete “60” days and change this to “90” days. Also, delete “ninety” days and add “one-hundred twenty” days.

**Article 10. QME application forms (Form 108)**

Form 108 Form 108 amended to correct a typographical errors. The letter head had “Industal” Relations and this corrected to reflect “Industrial” Relations. Section 1 identified was amendment by deleting reference to ca.gov. Form 108 was amended in section 8 from 15 business day to 20 business days to schedule a PQME if no selection of a QME is made.