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## **Notice of rulemaking and public hearings for Electronic Adjudication Management System regulations**

The Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) has proposed three sets of regulations to implement the Electronic Adjudication Management System (EAMS): court administrator regulations, Disability Evaluation Unit (DEU) regulations and Retraining and Return to Work Unit (RRTW) regulations.

The proposed regulations are posted on the DWC Web site at [http://www.dir.ca.gov/dwc/DWCPropRegs/EAMS\\_regulations/EAMS\\_regulations.htm](http://www.dir.ca.gov/dwc/DWCPropRegs/EAMS_regulations/EAMS_regulations.htm) and have been forwarded to the Office of Administrative Law for publication in the California Notice Registry. Public hearings on the regulations have been scheduled for:

**Date: Monday, July 14, 2008**

**Time: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., or until conclusion of business**

**Place: Ronald Reagan State Office Building – auditorium  
300 South Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90013**

**Date: Tuesday, July 15, 2008**

**Time: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., or until conclusion of business**

**Place: Elihu Harris State Office Building – auditorium  
1515 Clay Street  
Oakland, CA 94612**

Members of the public may comment on the proposed regulations until 5 p.m. on July 15, 2008.

EAMS is a computer based program that will improve the workers' compensation system by replacing the division's outdated court technology and supporting infrastructure with a modern case management application.

**The court administrator regulations are contained within Title 8, California Code of Regulations, sections 10210 – 10297 and:**

- Set forth uniform rules for district office procedures, including conferences, hearings and continuances
- Define and explain how adjudication files will be stored and maintained in EAMS
- Provide forms, that can be scanned and routed into EAMS, to be used at all trial level proceedings
- Establish a priority calendar for issues requiring an expedited hearing and decision and a priority calendar
- Set forth the rules regarding access to records and files
- Set forth the procedure for filing a review of administrative orders.

**The Disability Evaluation Unit (DEU) regulations are contained in Title 8, California Code of Regulations, sections 10150 – 10168.** The purpose of these amendments is to update the Disability Evaluation Unit regulations in light of the technological changes required by EAMS. The amendments explain that the required documents will be filed in EAMS and revise forms so that the data provided can be scanned can be routed to EAMS.

**The Retraining and Return to Work Unit (RRTW) regulations are contained in Title 8, California Code of Regulations, sections 10116 - 10133.58.** The purpose of these amendments is to update the vocational rehabilitation regulations, the supplemental job displacement regulations and the return-to-work regulations in light of the technological changes required by EAMS. The amendments explain that the required documents will be filed in EAMS and revise forms so that the data provided can be scanned can be routed to EAMS. These regulations were previously posted to the DWC's online forum for public comment in March 2008.

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