

- Policy & Procedure
- Take Note
- Milestones

State of California

DWCNewsline

Division of Workers' Compensation
Carrie Nevans, Acting Administrative Director

1515 Clay Street, 17th floor, Oakland, CA 94612 (510) 286-7100

Internet Web Page: <http://www.dwc.ca.gov>

Newsline No. 50-10

September 16, 2010

Division of Workers' Compensation posts new frequently asked questions on revised medical provider network regulations, forms, and notices on Web site

The Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) has posted new frequently asked questions (FAQs) in response to inquiries about compliance with recently amended regulations on medical provider networks (MPNs). In addition, the DWC Web site provides a fillable version of the revised notice of the MPN plan modification form and sample MPN notice language for required employee notices.

Employers and insurers are required to revise employee notices to comply with the regulations effective Oct. 8, 2010.

- New FAQs about the MPN regulatory revisions effective Oct. 8, 2010, http://www.dir.ca.gov/dwc/mpn/DWC_MP_N_FAQ.html#2
- The new version of the notice of [MPN plan modification form](#) becomes effective on Oct. 8, 2010. **The current version of the form should be used until the new version goes into effect on Oct. 8, 2010.**
- A sample MPN employee notification http://www.dir.ca.gov/dwc/mpn/MPN_SampleInitialWrittenEmployeeNotificationLetter.doc is currently on the DWC Web site which can still be used after Oct. 8 because it complies with both current MPN regulations and the revised MPN regulations.
- Sample language for the new MPN implementation notice, the revised termination or cessation of use of MPN notice, and the revised change of MPN notice effective on Oct. 8 are in the revised regulations and posted here: [Sample MPN implementation, termination/cessation of use, and change of MPN notices](#). **The current version of these notices should be used until the new versions go into effect on Oct. 8, 2010.**

Final text of the amended regulations can be found at http://www.dir.ca.gov/dwc/DWCPropRegs/MPN_Regulations/MPN_Regulations.htm.

The regulatory amendments to MPN and employee information regulations were filed with the secretary of state on Aug. 9 and become effective on Oct. 8, 2010. These amendments are authorized by Labor Code sections 4616, 3550, and 3551.

###