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### **DWC Posts Proposed Changes to Regulations Reflecting Transition from ICD-9 to ICD-10 to Online Forum for Public Comment**

The Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) has posted proposed changes to regulations reflecting transition from ICD-9 to ICD-10 to the online forum where members of the public may review and comment on the proposals.

ICD-10 is the 10th revision of the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (ICD), a medical classification list by the World Health Organization (WHO). ICD-10 is already in use in many countries. The United States continues to use ICD-9, the prior edition of ICD.

The deadline for the United States to begin using Clinical Modification ICD-10-CM for diagnosis coding and Procedure Coding System ICD-10-PCS for inpatient hospital procedure coding is currently October 1, 2014. In preparation for this deadline, it is necessary for the DWC to update regulations and forms to refer to ICD-10, rather than ICD-9. Affected regulations are 8 C.C.R. §§ 9702(e), 9770(g) and 9789.16.2(a).

Affected forms are DLSR 5021 (Doctor's First Report of Injury), PR-2 (Primary Treating Physician's Progress Report), PR-3 and PR-4 (Primary Treating Physician's Permanent and Stationary Reports).

The forum can be found online on the DWC [forums](#) web page under "current forums." Comments will be accepted on the forum until 5 p.m. on Friday, March 28, 2014.

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