

N E W S L I N E

Newsline No.: 2017-15

Date: February 28, 2017

New and Amended Lien Filing Rules Filed With Secretary of State, Important for Lien Claimants Who Filed Before January 1, 2017

The Workers' Compensation Appeals Board (WCAB) has adopted its final Rules of Practice and Procedure (Rules) implementing Senate Bill 1160 (SB 1160). The Office of Administrative Law has filed the WCAB's new Rules with the Secretary of State. The new Rules will become effective on March 26, 2017.

Any lien claimant who filed a lien before January 1, 2017 that was subject to a filing fee under Labor Code section [4903.05](#) is required to file a "Supplemental Lien Form and 4903.05(c) Declaration" on the form approved by the Appeals Board before July 1, 2017.

The Appeals Board has already approved the Supplemental Lien Form and 4903.05(c) Declaration for use as an e-form and lien claimants can use that form now. Lien claimants may wish to file this form in advance of the adoption of the rule requiring it and will not have to re-file the form once the rule goes into effect.

The Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) has posted [frequently asked questions](#) regarding the use of the lien form and Supplemental Lien Form and 4903.05(c) Declaration on its website.

The newly adopted Rules, and their related Final Statement of Reasons, are posted on the WCAB's [website](#).

###



The [California Department of Industrial Relations](#), established in 1927, protects and improves the health, safety, and economic well-being of over 18 million wage earners, and helps their employers comply with state labor laws. DIR is housed within the [Labor & Workforce Development Agency](#). Non-media inquiries can contact DIR's Communications Call Center at 1-844-LABOR-DIR (1-844-522-6734) for help in locating the appropriate [division or program](#) in our department.