DWC Posts Draft Physician Reporting and Utilization Review Regulatory Amendments to Online Forum for Public Comment

The Division of Workers’ Compensation (DWC) has posted a draft of amendments to the physician reporting and utilization review regulations on its online forum, and invites members of the public to review and provide comment.

The proposed changes, which will update the treating physician reporting requirement and implement the provisions of Senate Bill 1160, are intended to:

- Expedite appropriate evidence-based medical treatment for injured workers
- Increase meaningful communication between treating physicians and utilization review physicians, and
- Improve the overall quality of utilization review services in workers’ compensation.

The proposed regulatory amendments will be made pursuant to the rulemaking provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act.

The forum can be found on the DWC forums webpage under current forums. Comments will be accepted on the forum until 5 p.m. on Tuesday, January 15, 2019.

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