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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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