State of California Office of Administrative Law

In re:

Division of Workers' Compensation

Regulatory Action:

Title 08, California Code of Regulations

Adopt sections: Amend sections: 9792.24.7

Repeal sections:

NOTICE OF FILING AND PRINTING ONLY

Government Code Section 11343.8

OAL Matter Number: 2021-0526-02

OAL Matter Type: File and Print Only (FP)

This action, which is exempt from the Administrative Procedure Act pursuant to Labor Code section 5307.27(a), adopts a regulation that incorporates by reference a Coronavirus (COVID-19) Guideline into the Medical Treatment Utilization Schedule (MTUS).

OAL filed this regulation with the Secretary of State and will publish the regulation in the California Code of Regulations.

Date:

June 28, 2021

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§ 9792.24.7. Coronavirus (COVID-19) Guideline.

The Administrative Director adopts and incorporates by reference the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Guideline (ACOEM March 29, 2021) into the MTUS from the ACOEM Practice Guidelines.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 133, 4603.5, 5307.3 and 5307.27, Labor Code. Reference: Sections 77.5, 4600, 4604.5 and 5307.27, Labor Code.



Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Last Updated: March 29, 2021

Prior versions: April 8, 2020; April 24, 2020; May 8, 2020; June 12, 2020; June 17, 2020; August 19, 2020; December 14, 2020.

The March 29, 2021 update includes the following major changes:

- New guidance on rehabilitation (pulmonary, cardiac, cognitive, musculoskeletal, debility) for severe and/or chronic COVID-19 cases
- Vaccination information, including travel advice for vaccinated individuals, success against common virus variants, and adverse effects
- New recommendation on the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine
- Upgraded recommendation for baricitinib from insufficient evidence (I) to evidence (B)
- Upgraded recommendation for bamlanivimab from insufficient evidence (I) to evidence
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- Upgraded recommendation for interferon beta-1b from insufficient evidence (I) to evidence (B)
- Upgraded recommendation for low-molecular-weight heparin from insufficient evidence (I) to evidence (C)
- Downgraded recommendation for convalescent antibodies to No Recommendation (I)
- Review of evidence for ivermectin (insufficient evidence, with no recommendation)
- Review of masking efficacy
- Updates from the CDC on physical distance in K-12 classrooms

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