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STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS  
DIVISION OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION

P U B L I C H E A R I N G

Friday, June 5, 2026  
(via Zoom)

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DWC Attorney

**Dr. Ray Meister**  
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**Rachel Brill**  
DWC Assistant Chief Counsel

**Maureen Gray**  
Regulations Coordinator

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Meeting Manager

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(None)

1 (Time Noted: 10:00 a.m.)

2 MR. BIEDLER: Good morning, everyone. My name is  
3 Daniel Biedler. I am an attorney for the Division of Workers'  
4 Compensation. Before we begin today's public hearing, I want  
5 to inform everyone that this hearing is being recorded.

6 This is our noticed conference call and Zoom public  
7 hearing for the evidence-based adoption and update to the  
8 Medical Treatment Utilization Schedule. The division is  
9 proposing to make updates to the Medical Treatment Utilization  
10 Schedule as contained in Title 8, California Code of  
11 Regulations sections 9792.23.7 and 9792.23.10.

12 I'd like to take a moment to introduce the DWC staff  
13 members on the line: Dr. Ray Meister, DWC Medical Director;  
14 Rachel Brill, DWC Assistant Chief Counsel, and Maureen Gray,  
15 division's Regulations Coordinator. We have two hearing  
16 reporters on the call today to assist with producing the record  
17 of the hearing.

18 The purpose of this hearing is to receive comments on  
19 the proposed amendments to the Ankle and Foot Disorders and Hip  
20 and Groin Disorders guidelines, as set forth in regulation  
21 sections 9792.23.7 and 9792.23.10. We welcome any comments you  
22 have.

23 Please note, we will not question, respond to, or  
24 discuss anyone's comments, although we may ask for  
25 clarification or ask you to elaborate further on any points

1 that you are presenting. All of your comments, both given  
2 verbally here today and those submitted in writing, will be  
3 considered in determining what revisions, if any, we make to  
4 the proposed regulations.

5 If you would like to speak during this hearing, use  
6 the "raise your hand" function or send a chat in the Zoom app  
7 to "Host and Panelists" requesting to speak. If you are  
8 calling in for this meeting and would like to speak, please  
9 press \*9, and when your phone number is announced, you will  
10 press \*6 to unmute yourself. You'll be called upon to speak in  
11 the order in which we receive your request.

12 If for some reason you are not able to use the "raise  
13 your hand" feature or send a chat, please email  
14 [dwcrules@dir.ca.gov](mailto:dwcrules@dir.ca.gov). In the meantime -- in the email, pardon,  
15 please include your full name, screen name, phone number, and  
16 any affiliation. We will call on you in the order we receive  
17 your request. Please also include the words "Request to Speak"  
18 in the subject line of your email.

19 We are taking attendance. We will be using the  
20 information you provided when you logged into this meeting;  
21 however, if you have called in, we only have your phone number.  
22 Please send an email to Maureen Gray, DWC's Regulations  
23 Coordinator, at [dwcrules@dir.ca.gov](mailto:dwcrules@dir.ca.gov) to provide your full name,  
24 the organization you are affiliated with, if any, and contact  
25 information in case we need to provide you with any updates.

1           To help the hearing reporters and to aid the taking of  
2 attendance, we ask that you make sure your Zoom screen name  
3 properly reflects your actual first and last name. A screen  
4 name will help us identify you for transcript purposes.

5           Please restrict the subject of your comments to  
6 proposed regulations. We ask that you limit your comments to  
7 three minutes. You will receive a message asking to unmute  
8 yourself prior to your name being called. You must click on  
9 the unmute message in order to speak. Please wait to speak  
10 until you are called upon. Your time will begin after you're  
11 unmuted, and you're called upon.

12           You will be able to see a timer reflecting your  
13 remaining speaking time. The time will change color from green  
14 to yellow to red as your time left to speak winds down. You  
15 will be muted after you have spoken for three minutes, and the  
16 next person will be called.

17           We will call the names of those who have indicated  
18 they wish to speak today in the order received, and we  
19 apologize in advance if we mispronounce anyone's name. For the  
20 record, please begin by stating your name and any affiliation.  
21 All oral comments given today will be taken down by the hearing  
22 reporter.

23           When everyone on the list has had a chance to make  
24 their public comment, we will check to see if anyone new has  
25 joined and wishes to speak or if anyone else has additional

1 comments. This hearing will continue for as long as there are  
2 people on the line who wish to comment on the proposed  
3 regulations, but it will close no later than 5:00 o'clock this  
4 afternoon. If the hearing continues into the lunch hour, we  
5 will take at least a one-hour break. If there is time at the  
6 end of the succession of speakers, anyone who would like to  
7 speak again will receive a chance to make additional comments.  
8 The additional comments will also be limited to three minutes.

9 All written comments can be submitted by fax to the  
10 following number: (510) 286-0657 or to the following email  
11 address: [dwcrules@dir.ca.gov](mailto:dwcrules@dir.ca.gov). Written comments submitted by  
12 fax or by email will be accepted until midnight tonight.

13 For those who do not wish to speak today but want to  
14 be notified of any subsequent changes or of the final adoption  
15 of the Medical Treatment Utilization Schedule, please provide  
16 your complete name and email address to [dwcrules@dir.ca.gov](mailto:dwcrules@dir.ca.gov).  
17 Any notice of changes and the final Notice of Amendment to the  
18 Medical Treatment Utilization Schedule will be sent to everyone  
19 who requests that information.

20 With that, let's look at our call list and call the  
21 first speaker, if any.

22 MEETING MANAGER: At this time if you would like to make a  
23 comment, please use the raise-hand function at the bottom of  
24 your device. It is the symbol attempting to look like a hand,  
25 and if you click on that or tap it, it will alert us that you'd

1 like to make a comment, and we'll be happy to enable you to do  
2 so. At this time we have no hands raised; however, I know,  
3 Mr. Biedler, you'd like to give the public an opportunity to  
4 consider the regulation and whether they would like to make  
5 comments. So with your permission, we'll just allow people to  
6 raise their hand for a few moments.

7 MR. BIEDLER: Absolutely. And I'll remind everyone, we  
8 will be happy to receive your comments in writing as well.

9 MEETING MANAGER: We have no attendees by telephone, and  
10 you know you gave instructions about how to raise a hand by  
11 telephone, we have none at the moment. We do have a number of  
12 attendees today that have a device or perhaps a computer or a  
13 phone, and on that device there should be an image of a hand at  
14 the bottom of the device. If you'd like to make a comment,  
15 which we welcome, you can simply tap that image of a hand, and  
16 it will alert us you'd like to make a comment. We will be glad  
17 to arrange your connection so you can do so.

18 MR. BIEDLER: It is now 10:10 a.m., and if we do not have  
19 anyone who wishes to make an oral comment today, the public  
20 hearing is now closed.

21 (Whereupon the proceeding concluded at 10:10 a.m.)

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I, the undersigned Hearing Reporter for the State of California, do hereby certify:

That the foregoing transcript of proceedings was taken stenographically before and by me; was subsequently, with computer-aided transcription, produced under my direction and supervision; and that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct transcript of my original shorthand notes.

I further certify that the proceedings, as transcribed, comprise an accurate transcript of the testimony.

Signed and dated at Anaheim, California, this 8th day of June, 2026.



**DARLENE CERVANTES**  
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