

**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: 9810, 9811, 9812, 9814,
9815, 9881.1, 10139

Repeal sections: 9813

**NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF REGULATORY
ACTION**

Government Code Section 11349.3

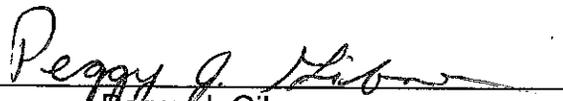
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The Division of Workers' Compensation is amending seven sections and repealing one section in Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations. The purpose of this rulemaking action is to streamline the workers' compensation benefit notice program to allow claims administrators to more effectively communicate with injured workers, and implement the mandate of Labor Code section 138.3 for the Administrative Director to prescribe reasonable rules and regulations requiring the employer to serve notice on the injured employee that he may be entitled to benefits. A 2010 study conducted by the California Commission on Health and Safety and Workers' Compensation concluded that the current benefit notice regulations were "too voluminous (e.g., overly wordy, redundant, and containing factsheets and forms that are not needed by all workers)". This rulemaking is designed to implement methods to provide clear information to all injured workers soon after injury describing the entire workers' compensation claims process and the parties' respective rights and obligations, to make this information continually available for workers to access later in their claims, and to improve California's system of benefit notices.

OAL approves this regulatory action pursuant to section 11349.3 of the Government Code. This regulatory action becomes effective on 1/1/2016.

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