

State of California  
Department of Industrial Relations  
DIVISION OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION



**Order of the Administrative Director of the  
Division of Workers' Compensation  
Medical Treatment Utilization Schedule – Evidence-Based Updates to the MTUS  
Effective for Services Rendered on or after October 31, 2018**

Labor Code section 5307.27, subdivision (a), provides that evidence-based updates to the Medical Treatment Utilization Schedule (MTUS) shall be made by issuance of an Administrative Director order exempt from Labor Code sections 5307.3 and 5307.4, and the rulemaking provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act.

Pursuant to Labor Code section 5307.27, subdivision (a), the Administrative Director of the Division of Workers' Compensation hereby orders evidence-based updates to the MTUS contained in Title 8, California Code of Regulations, sections 9792.22 and 9792.24.5 as set forth in the Addenda One and Two, which are attached and incorporated by reference into this Order. This order will become effective on October 31, 2018. Responses to submitted comments shall be provided prior to the effective date of the updates. This order shall be published on the Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Workers' Compensation internet website.

IT IS SO ORDERED,

Dated: October 1, 2018

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY  
GEORGE P. PARISOTTO  
Administrative Director of the  
Division of Workers' Compensation

## ADDENDUM ONE TO ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR ORDER

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### **§ 9792.22. General Approaches.**

(a) The Administrative Director adopts and incorporates by reference into the MTUS specific guidelines set forth below from the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine's Occupational Medicine Practice Guidelines (ACOEM Practice Guidelines) for the following chapters.

(1) ~~Prevention (ACOEM Practice Guidelines, 2nd Edition (2004), Chapter 1).~~ Prevention (ACOEM May 1, 2011).

(2) ~~General Approach to Initial Assessment and Documentation (ACOEM Practice Guidelines, 2nd Edition (2004), Chapter 2).~~ General Approach to Initial Assessment and Documentation (ACOEM July 25, 2016).

(3) Initial Approaches to Treatment (ACOEM June 30, 2017).

(4) ~~Cornerstones of Disability Prevention and Management (ACOEM Practice Guidelines, 2nd Edition (2004), Chapter 5).~~ Cornerstones of Disability Prevention and Management (ACOEM May 1, 2011).

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.

### **§ 9792.24.5. Traumatic Brain Injury Guideline.**

The Administrative Director adopts and incorporates by reference the Traumatic Brain Injury Guideline (ACOEM November 15, 2017) into the MTUS from the ACOEM Practice Guidelines.

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

## ADDENDUM TWO TO ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR ORDER

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### **ACOEM Guidelines adopted and incorporated by reference**

- Prevention (ACOEM May 1, 2011)
- General Approach to Initial Assessment and Documentation (ACOEM July 25, 2016)
- Cornerstones of Disability Prevention and Management (ACOEM May 1, 2011)
- Traumatic Brain Injury Guideline (ACOEM November 15, 2017)