

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS  
Division of Workers' Compensation**

**SUPPLEMENT TO FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS  
Subject Matter of Regulations: Qualified Medical Evaluators**

**TITLE 8, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS,  
SECTIONS 30, 30.5, 31.1, 100, 104, 105, 106, and 109**

**UPDATE OF MATERIAL RELIED UPON / DOCUMENTS ADDED TO RULEMAKING FILE**

Page 4 of the Final Statement of Reasons incorrectly states that the pre-notice forum comments were available from September 12, 2014 through September 22, 2014. This clarifies that the pre-notice forum on the proposed regulations was held from September 12, 2014 through September 22, 2014. The pre-notice comments were available to the public beginning June 5, 2015.

**RESULTS OF THE ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS/ASSESSMENT**

This clarifies that the Administrative Director has determined that the regulations would not affect worker safety or the state's environment adversely. Rather, the proposed regulations will be beneficial to the health and welfare of California residents, worker safety, and the state's environment by ensuring workers have a more efficient and simpler process for resolving medical disputes. The regulations will benefit the health and welfare of California residents by improving the process for obtaining a QME panel. The online process will prevent delays in obtaining a panel QME, ensuring that injured workers are able to resolve disputes quickly and obtain benefits that they are entitled to. Changes to the unrepresented employee form will make it user-friendly, preventing delays in obtaining a panel. Clarifying changes to the QME appointment and reappointment forms will also prevent delays in processing the forms ensuring that QMEs are appointed and reappointed and available to perform evaluations if selected.

**NON-SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES**

A non-substantive grammatical change was made to Section 31.1(b) by replacing "with" with "to" improve clarity.

A non-substantive grammatical change was made to Section 30.5 by adding "or on" after "online" to improve clarity.