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DWC Issues Notice of Public Hearing on March 14, 2025 for Proposed Evidence-Based Update and Adoption to the Medical Treatment Utilization Schedule

The Division of Workers’ Compensation (DWC) has issued a Notice of Public Hearing for proposed evidence-based update and adoption to the Medical Treatment Utilization Schedule (MTUS), which can be found at California Code of Regulations, title 8, update to section 9792.24.2 and adoption of section 9792.24.8.

The proposed evidence-based updates and adoption to the MTUS incorporate by reference the latest published guidelines from the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (ACOEM) for the following:

* Proposed Amendment to Section 9792.24.2. Chronic Pain Guidelines. (ACOEM December 19, 2024)
* Proposed Adoption of Section 9792.24.8 Cannabis Guideline (ACOEM January 28, 2025)

The proposed evidence-based update and adoption to the MTUS regulations are exempt from Labor Code sections 5307.3 and 5307.4 and the rulemaking provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act. DWC is required under Labor Code section 5307.27 to have a 30-day public comment period, hold a public hearing, and respond to all the comments received during the public comment period prior to publishing the order adopting the update online.

Members of the public may review and comment on the [proposed updates](https://www.dir.ca.gov/dwc/DWCPropRegs/2025/MTUS-Evidence-Based-Update/Index.htm). Written comments must be submitted no later than March 14, 2025. Please see the proposed regulation page for direction for submitting written comments.

[DWC - Proposed Regulations](https://www.dir.ca.gov/dwc/rulemaking/dwc_rulemaking_proposed.html)

Members of the public may attend the virtual and conference call public hearing

Time: March 14, 2025 10 a.m. Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://dir-ca-gov.zoom.us/j/86193231447>

Or Telephone:
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