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| **Newsline No.:** 2021-84    **Date:** August 17, 2021 **DWC Issues Notice of Public Hearing on September 17 for Proposed Low Back Disorders Evidence-Based Update to the Medical Treatment Utilization Schedule**The Division of Workers’ Compensation (DWC) has issued a Notice of Public Hearing for a proposed evidence-based update to the Medical Treatment Utilization Schedule (MTUS), which can be found at California Code of Regulations, title 8, section 9792.23.5. The Zoom public hearing is scheduled for Friday, September 17, at 10 a.m. The proposed evidence-based update to the MTUS incorporate by reference the latest published guideline from American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (ACOEM) for the following:* Low Back Disorders (ACOEM February 13, 2020)

The proposed evidence-based update to the MTUS regulations are exempt from Labor Code sections 5307.3 and 5307.4 and the rulemaking provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act. However, DWC is required under Labor Code section 5307.27 to have a 30-day public comment period, hold a public hearing, respond to all the comments received during the public comment period and publish the order adopting the update online. Members of the public may review and comment on the [proposed updates](https://url.emailprotection.link/?bejM4kmlXRMzkatSnvRJtlxL4Ue-2DZzXjKWJalgWTycfs7-s0Oe4NIvOmB07ypqmJusSjEQ8r6sr1u9hFgP-hX0wn5DDbzgXae-GxQCnJl2SMt9DG10J9eCSFvh0KeWjARNxbGqmtSBth3nI7KwQR8vLlKylRebRa9_1f-wzRX8~). Written comments must be submitted no later than September 17. Please see the proposed regulation page for direction for submitting written comments.Members of the public may attend the public hearing:[**Access Information**](https://url.emailprotection.link/?b-qR_he5wIAa9A7pvatKOWFsg29UYNS-itXqeGGCwkv3_O7cfjCOZDjC_oCwUROwA7ia3ujhllqgG4R4sRUjyJ1riqtD6Zhf2cD0Tw5eCNvsrM7WJWWkcjr1n96avLJpF)Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: [https://dir-ca-gov.zoom.us/j/83914299767](https://url.emailprotection.link/?b-qR_he5wIAa9A7pvatKOWFsg29UYNS-itXqeGGCwkv3my6yw4rFu8FECkg5W2C0wCiyFux94hHQVMEe8LYQ_EBHys9_5Td8oC1TNnFHHLro0_qZF_3jxOLQGQ-M5AVkt)Or Telephone:Dial:USA 216 706 7005USA 8664345269 (US Toll Free)Conference code: 956474Find local AT&T Numbers:  [https://www.teleconference.att.com/servlet/glbAccess?process=1&accessNumber=2167067005&accessCode=956474](https://url.emailprotection.link/?btFEgrlB0Vfs3XkgyShkYrWylz_wbG1xMb_R1HiMNT0xbitzF3ZSNNjruQiduscKq5Vh9ef6FL1_sCle4k9J20iipPIo6LjzhPas55M06h9yP88xKD4O540ckLzopSbACoDwzwt1KwQ_ndCSOXMnkV8rmIaDV8Nhelr45QmDkBCk~)# # #**Follow or Subscribe to DIR**Facebook        Twitter   Instagram app          YouTube          GovDelivery E-mail Subscription[Facebook](https://url.emailprotection.link/?bUU7m4NfMS_EWGtH1yojBHViA05aNKh_D6dM9Nd2JOiWFifmaoI-Hs25s59CBcHAIYYKKOHN2n5mFCnAmEeHKfw~~)   [Twitter](https://url.emailprotection.link/?bVO2q0UXR235wN_yOnM0FjqgD5_TtG8Swmnk7km5W6dNHHQyBK4TCqHvBjpVSyZkZ1WlMvinH9K1j87RlkHlz_g~~)   [Instagram](https://url.emailprotection.link/?bOBlK03OFRZ1-lvC8KC_ps0ld7zay9ugCjRZEbLJQJA6sKFum3MK3Nls3XJeXJ-iB5DextI4CptMydJct-GE8cQ~~)   [YouTube](https://url.emailprotection.link/?bo-uAEDwV-pcJZjW2AWiJYqYpFtxcTi13cIAtqGYDriFTgoSRccTrMy7VNjVM-9dk5Ew8IK0cbmvee2zUgu-tjQ~~)[*Email alerts*](https://url.emailprotection.link/?bMcuBcUsfwX4EV3oiB6Lfqrxd5cDr2lPGMTnOAJr8LVeMDz0RHeEzUcb7skt--Rn3b6_QEruwhcLQKqhbHcqgLmC7WhOjqDzStYXEAowqyEpvBOC2Ow_bzLOiy02PXvgn)The [California Department of Industrial Relations](https://url.emailprotection.link/?bMcuBcUsfwX4EV3oiB6LfqpyCh3mGJxQcM05VXBQer-GNgI3Xgn8rOfGFTMnXhX_Qnvk83KS6sYOhRvhzoNhrjA~~), established in 1927, protects and improves the health, safety, and economic well-being of over 18 million wage earners, and helps their employers comply with state labor laws. DIR is housed within the [Labor & Workforce Development Agency](https://url.emailprotection.link/?bvj6_jmszejo2syfahHUfEnkr3qmVXwpdVdtsgsQSMHndJzrfoiV0KcNsy1bCuSp0RbSuWh28wHssMMl4nl5PpQ~~).  |

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