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| **Newsline No.:** 2021-85    **Date:** August 20, 2021    **WCAB Issues Notice of September 24 Public Hearing on Proposed Amendments to its Rules of Practice and Procedure**  The Workers’ Compensation Appeals Board (the WCAB) has issued a notice of public hearing regarding [proposed additions and amendments](https://url.emailprotection.link/?bpZcZ0NrFox8fhicrAFecXUEyGtIkpO8S_FdAa2yTuMHQBrqYBeoy6AAjh7ocxzfjnPRQzy213zgU1Et3s2dWGD-snOWnRZHd0koTaWp1uK5GUi19qeim-VKSXWpZyFA6koSUyvGAQZ08eLjgYDczIcrDrC2C1qQHMzOVnmtJvP8~) to its Rules of Practice and Procedure (Rules).  The online public hearing is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. on Friday, September 24 via the Zoom meeting platform.  Members of the public may also submit written comments until 4 p.m. that day using [this submission form](https://url.emailprotection.link/?b6j7ZSG6JQTnR-ZTCdYdLUfX5CO4fT6PXT1a3NNBKpc37LlYvcRxTo3ki2OhuvKdO94AeDYZw39AmmOtWwhvREVsYWzQ5N19o_PLEWbA33AURcvdxbFWUopDI0nfIq0ml). If written comments are timely submitted, it is not necessary to present oral comments at the public hearing.  The primary purpose of this rulemaking is to formalize the processes for the remote hearings, electronic filing, and electronic service that developed during the novel coronavirus pandemic.  The WCAB’s notice of the proposed rulemaking, the text of the proposed regulations, and the initial statement of reasons can be found [on its rulemaking page](https://url.emailprotection.link/?bMcuBcUsfwX4EV3oiB6Lfquo7RcvdE71S4TOK5fB3WMx-ch9OJFikHIjJqrvZUesD0fPYzSfrkzoxpzuzfy6WzHduI0OQXxihNuFyXmNfqrADt3XcWEV6QRBeF-gfH4B-qGursiughJeqtp_J-o5tM5rDU6VxVO05VPVhCrHL-30~).  Equal weight will be accorded to oral and written comments. However, the WCAB prefers written comments submitted electronically, which must be submitted using [the comment submission form](https://url.emailprotection.link/?b6j7ZSG6JQTnR-ZTCdYdLUfX5CO4fT6PXT1a3NNBKpc37LlYvcRxTo3ki2OhuvKdO94AeDYZw39AmmOtWwhvREVsYWzQ5N19o_PLEWbA33AURcvdxbFWUopDI0nfIq0ml). Electronic comments submitted in any other format will not be accepted or considered.  Written comments may also be submitted by mail to the address below. Hard copy comments should consist only of text-based narratives, should not contain any other formatting such as letterheads or graphics, and should not rely on the use of color or images to convey information not conveyed in the text-based narrative. Improperly formatted hard-copy documents will be subject to rejection and may not be accepted or considered.  Workers’ Compensation Appeals Board  Attention: Julie Podbereski, Regulations Coordinator  455 Golden Gate Avenue  Ninth Floor  San Francisco, CA 94102  The WCAB will consider all properly submitted comments and encourages all interested members of the workers’ compensation community to participate in this important process.  To attend the online public hearing or present statements or arguments orally, please use the following link:  <https://dir-ca-gov.zoom.us/j/85768405804?pwd=ckZwdkRrZk82eHk4M2tpTVlvaldwUT09>  Password: 211916  Or join via telephone:  USA 404 443 6397  USA 8773361831 (US Toll Free)  Conference code: 852415  Find local AT&T Numbers:  <https://www.teleconference.att.com/servlet/glbAccess?process=1&accessNumber=4044436397&accessCode=852415>  # # #  **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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