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WCAB Extends Public Comment Period Until January 31 on Proposed Amendments to Board Rules

The Workers' Compensation Appeals Board (WCAB) has extended the public comment period for proposed rulemaking changes mandated by Senate Bill 1160.

WCAB conducted a public hearing on January 4 regarding proposed rules in response to SB 1160 (Stats. 2016, ch. 868), which amended Labor Code section 4903.05 to require that section 4903(b) lien claimants file a declaration that includes information regarding the type of services provided by the lien claimant. This rulemaking will mandate use of an e-filed form declaration to ensure uniform procedures for lien claimants who first file their liens after January 1, 2017 and current lien claimants who are required to file a declaration by July 1, 2017.

The Notice of Rulemaking stated written comments from the public on the proposed rules and amendments would be accepted until 5 p.m. on January 4. The WCAB is now extending the public comment period until 5 p.m. on January 31, 2017.

Comments may be submitted by e-mail to WCABRules@dir.ca.gov or mailed to:

Workers' Compensation Appeals Board
Attention: Annette Gabrielli, Regulations Coordinator
P.O. Box 429459
San Francisco CA 94142-9459

The WCAB's notice of the proposed rulemaking, the text of the proposed regulations, and the initial statement of reasons are posted [online](#). A link to the current lien form and the supplemental lien form can be found on the Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) [website](#). DWC has also posted [frequently asked questions](#) regarding the lien form.

The WCAB will consider all timely public comments and encourages all interested members of the workers' compensation community to participate in this important process.

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