**STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS**

**DIVISION OF WORKERS’ COMPENSATION**

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED EVIDENCE-BASED UPDATE AND ADOPTION TO THE MEDICAL TREATMENT UTILIZATION SCHEDULE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to section 44 of title I of the California Code of Regulations, the Administrative Director of the Division of Workers' Compensation, Department of Industrial Relations (hereinafter “Administrative Director”), pursuant to the authority vested in him by Labor Code section 5307.27, subdivision (a), proposes to amend the text of the Traumatic Brain Injury Guideline found in the Medical Treatment Utilization Schedule in Article 5.5.2 of Chapter 4.5, Subchapter 1, Division 1, of Title 8, California Code of Regulations section 9797.24.5.

Amended Section 9797.24.5 to reference the updated Traumatic Brain Injury Guideline dated October 7, 2025 remove reference to the Guideline dated June 26, 2025.

The section in this Guideline that was amended from the June 26, 2025 version to the October 7, 2025 version is on page 199 of the Traumatic Brain Injury Guideline under Compensatory Skills Training for Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and provides the following update:

* *Previous:* “**Frequency/Dose/Duration**: STEP program is 9 hours per week for 12 weeks.”
* *New:* “**Frequency/Dose/Duration**: The Short-Term Executive Plus (STEP) cognitive rehabilitation program consists of 12 weeks (9 hours/week) of group training in problem solving and emotional regulation and individual sessions of attention and compensatory strategies training (Cantor et al., 2014).”

**PRESENTATION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS AND DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS**

Members of the public are invited to present written comments regarding this proposed modification to the rulemaking file. **Only comments concerning these proposed modifications will be considered and responded.** The text of the regulations and proposed modifications can be viewed via the web at: [DWC Evidence-Based Updates to the Medical Treatment Utilization Schedule (MTUS)](https://www.dir.ca.gov/dwc/DWCPropRegs/2025/MTUS-Evidence-Based-Update-August/Index.htm)

All written comments concerning the proposed modifications to the regulations must be received by the Regulations Coordinator no later than **11:59 P.M.**, on **October 28, 2025**.

Written comments may be submitted as follows:

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 (510) 286-0687

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Comments sent to other e-mail addresses or facsimile numbers will not be accepted. All comments, including comments sent by e-mail or facsimile are subject to the deadline set forth above for written comments.

# **FORMAT OF PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS**

**Proposed Text Noticed for 45-Day Comment Period:**

The proposed text was indicated by underlining: added language. Deletions are indicated by strikeout: ~~deleted language~~.

**Proposed Text Noticed for 15-Day Comment Period on Modified Text:**

The proposed text was indicated by double underlining: added language. Deletions are indicated by double strikeout: deleted language.

**AVAILABILITY OF TEXT OF REGULATIONS AND RULEMAKING FILE**

Copies of the original text, the modified text with modifications clearly indicated and the entire rulemaking file, are currently available for public review during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays, at the offices of the Division of Workers’ Compensation. The Division is located at 1515 Clay Street, 18th Floor, Oakland, California. Please contact the Division’s regulations coordinator, Ms. Maureen Gray, at (510) 286-0676 or (510) 286-7100 to arrange to inspect the rulemaking file.