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**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS
DIVISION OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION**

PUBLIC HEARING

Friday, September 26, 2025

(Meeting held via Zoom)

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DIANE PRZEPIORSKI (California Orthopaedic Association) . . 8

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1 (Time Noted: 10:00 a.m.)

2 **MS. RICHARDSON:** Hello everyone. My name is Nicole
3 Richardson. We're going to go ahead and start today's public
4 hearing.

5 Just so you know, this hearing is being recorded.
6 We're going on the record, and this matter is being recorded.

7 Thank you for taking the time to be with us here this
8 morning. I'm the attorney for the Division of Workers'
9 Compensation, and before we begin today's public hearing, I
10 want to inform everyone that once again this is being recorded
11 and we do have two hearing reporters with us today.

12 This is or noticed conference call and Zoom public
13 hearing for the Evidence-Based Update and Adoption to the
14 Medical Treatment Utilization Schedule. The Division is
15 proposing to make updates to the Medical Treatment Utilization
16 Schedule as contained in Title 8, California Code of
17 Regulations Sections 9792.23.2 and Section 9792.23.3, Section
18 9792.23.4, and Section 9792.24.5.

19 I'd like to take a moment to introduce the DWC staff
20 members on today's call. We have Dr. Raymond Meister, the DWC
21 Medical Director; Maureen Gray, the Division's Regulations
22 Coordinator; the hearing reporters today are Darlene Cervantes
23 and Cynthia Lord.

24 The purpose of this hearing is to receive comments on
25 the proposed amendments to the Shoulder Disorder Guideline,

1 Elbow Disorder Guideline, Hand, Wrist and Forearm Disorder
2 Guideline, and Traumatic Brain Injury Guideline as set forth in
3 Regulation Sections 9792.23.2, 9792.23.3, 9792.23.4, and
4 Section 9792.24.5. We welcome any comments that you have
5 today. Please note that we will not request, respond to or
6 discuss anyone's comments, although we may ask for
7 clarification or ask you to elaborate further on any points
8 that you are presenting. All of your comments, both given
9 verbally here today and those submitted in writing, will be
10 considered in determining what revisions if any we make to the
11 proposed regulations.

12 If you would like to speak during this hearing, please
13 use the "raise-your-hand" function or send a chat to the host
14 and panelist requesting to speak. If you're calling in for
15 this meeting, which I don't believe we have any call-in users
16 but I could be wrong so I'll say it anyways, if you're calling
17 in and you would like to speak, please press star nine and when
18 your phone number is called, you will press star six to unmute
19 yourself. You will be called in the order in which we received
20 your request to speak.

21 If for some reason you are not able to raise your hand
22 or somehow want to let us know that you want to speak, you can
23 always send an email to dwcrules@dir.ca.gov. In the subject
24 matter please write "request to speak" and please include in
25 the email your full name, your screen name that you're using

1 today and your phone number. So once again, if for some reason
2 if you cannot use the "raise-your-hand" function or the chat
3 function, you can send an email to dwcrules@dir.ca.gov and make
4 sure that it says "request to speak" in the subject line.

5 We are taking attendance, therefore we will be using
6 information you used when you logged into this meeting.
7 However if you have called in, we are only collecting phone
8 numbers, and therefore please send an email to Maureen Gray,
9 DWC's Regulations Coordinator, at dwcrules@dir.ca.gov with your
10 full name, the organization you're affiliated with, if any, and
11 contact information in case we need to provide you with any
12 updates. We prefer an email address, but if you do not have an
13 email address please provide your phone number or mailing
14 address.

15 To help the court reporter and to aid in the taking of
16 attendance, we ask that you make sure your screen name properly
17 reflects your actual first and last name. A screen name will
18 help us identify you for transcript purposes.

19 Please restrict the subject of your comments to the
20 proposed regulations. We ask that you limit your comments to
21 five minutes. You will receive a message asking you to unmute
22 yourself prior to your name being called. You must click the
23 unmute message in order to speak. Please wait to speak until
24 you are called upon. Your time will begin after you are
25 unmuted and you are called upon. There will be a timer on the

1 screen to track your time. You will be muted after you have
2 spoken for five minutes and the next person will be called.

3 We will call the names of those who have indicated
4 they wish to speak today in the order received, and we
5 apologize in advance if we mispronounce anyone's name. For the
6 record, please begin by stating your name and any affiliation.
7 All oral comments given today will be taken down by the hearing
8 reporter. When everyone on the list has had a chance to make
9 their public comments, I will check to see if anyone new has
10 joined and wishes to speak or if anyone else has additional
11 comments.

12 This hearing will continue for as long as people are
13 on the line and wish to comment on the proposed regulations,
14 but it will close at five o'clock this afternoon. If the
15 hearing continues into the lunch hour, we will take at least a
16 one-hour break. If there is time at the end of the succession
17 of speakers, anyone who is cut off at the five-minute mark will
18 receive a chance to make additional comments. Additional
19 comments will be limited to five minutes.

20 Finally, all written comments can be submitted by fax
21 at the following number, 510-286-0657, or to the following
22 email address, once again, dwcrules@dir.ca.gov. Once again,
23 that is dwcrules@dir.ca.gov. Written comment submitted by fax
24 or email will be accepted until midnight today.

25 For those who do not wish to speak today but want to

1 be notified of any subsequent changes or of the final adoption
2 of the Medical Treatment Utilization Schedule, please provide
3 your complete name and email address to the same address
4 mentioned previously, dwcrules@dir.ca.gov. Any notice of
5 changes in the final notice of amendment to the Medical
6 Treatment Utilization Schedule will be sent to anyone who
7 requests that information.

8 And with that, we are working with an outside agency,
9 TKO, and they are going to help us manage today's meeting by
10 calling the first speaker.

11 **MEETING MANAGER:** As of now, I do not see hands
12 raised. Again, if you would like to make a comment, please
13 raise your hand and we will give you the ability to speak.

14 **MS. RICHARDSON:** Once again, we're not seeing any
15 hands. I'm going to give you all a minute, and again, if you
16 can't figure out how to use the raise-your-hand feature or send
17 a chat to the panelist, you can send an email to
18 dwcrules@dir.ca.gov and request to speak. I'll give Maureen
19 a minute or two to be able to check the email, and I'll give
20 you all a minute or two to see if there are additional comments
21 that you would like to make.

22 **MEETING MANAGER:** I did see Diane Przepiorski raise
23 their hand. If you would like to comment, please raise your
24 hand again, and I will unmute you.

25 All right, Diane.

1 DIANE PRZEPIORSKI

2 **MS. PRZEPIORSKI:** This is Diane Przepiorski with the
3 California Orthopaedic Association. We just want to be on
4 record in support of these changes to the ACOEM Treatment
5 Guidelines. It is very important to keep these guidelines
6 updated, and we appreciate the Division going through this
7 process to update these guidelines. Thank you very much.

8 **MEETING MANAGER:** There are no more hands raised at
9 this time.

10 **MS. RICHARDSON:** Thank you all for your time. I
11 appreciate it. The time is 10:11 a.m., and we will now close
12 this public hearing. Again, if you have additional comments,
13 you can send a fax or email until midnight tonight. Thank you
14 for your time. This hearing is now closed.

15 (The proceedings adjourned at 10:12 a.m.)

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REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

I, Cynthia Lord, Official Hearing Reporter for the State of California, Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Workers' Compensation, do hereby certify that the foregoing matter is a full, true and correct transcript of the proceedings taken by me in shorthand, and with the aid of audio backup recording, on the date and in the matter described on the first page thereof.

Cynthia Lord

CYNTHIA LORD
Official Hearing Reporter
of the State of California,
Workers' Compensation Appeals Board

Dated: October 1, 2025