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## **DWC Posts Second Interim Report on Assembly Bill 1124 Mandating an Evidence-Based Workers' Compensation Drug Formulary**

The Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) has posted the <u>second interim status</u> report on its efforts to promulgate regulations for an evidence-based workers' compensation drug formulary as required by Assembly Bill 1124. The goal is to adopt the drug formulary by July 1, 2017. The formulary will be consistent with California's Medical Treatment Utilization Schedule (MTUS) for medications prescribed in the workers' compensation system.

DWC will accept oral testimony and written comments on the proposed formulary regulations at a public hearing on Monday, May 1 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. This hearing will be held at the Elihu Harris State Office Building Auditorium in Oakland. More details are available on the DWC website.

DWC will review all comments received to determine if changes to the regulatory proposal are warranted. If so, DWC will issue a revised proposal for a 15-day public comment period. Upon completion of the rulemaking action, the regulations will be submitted to the Office of Administrative Law for approval and filing with the Secretary of State.

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