Response to Comment by American Insurance Association

Comment: “As the regulation reads, insurers don’t appear to be directly notified of a suspension. Rather, the suspension will be posted to the DWC website . . . . [W]e would encourage . . . the implementation of a more proactive way DWC could notify carriers about suspensions. . . . Some potential avenues might be through a push press release . . . or normal means of communication through the DWC Newsline.”

* Response: Labor Code section 139.21(d) provides that the Administrative Director is required to post notifications of suspensions on our website. The DWC is not required to give notice to insurers through any other means, but may do so in the future. The process of posting a list of provider names is successfully used to give notice to the industry in other programs such as the Office of Inspector General, which posts the List of Excluded Individuals/Entities, providing information to the health care industry, patients and the public regarding individuals and entities currently excluded from participation in Medicare, Medicaid, and all other federal health care programs, and Medi-Cal which posts its Suspended and Ineligible Provider List.