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**DWC Issues Notice of Public Hearing on June 26, 2023 for Proposed Evidence-Based Updates to the Medical Treatment Utilization Schedule**

The Division of Workers’ Compensation (DWC) has issued a [Notice of Public Hearing for proposed evidence-based updates](https://www.dir.ca.gov/dwc/DWCPropRegs/2023/MTUS-Evidence-Based-Update/Index.htm) to the Medical Treatment Utilization Schedule (MTUS), which can be found at California Code of Regulations, title 8, section 9792.22, 9792.23.2 and 9792.24.7.

The proposed evidence-based updates to the MTUS incorporate by reference the latest published guidelines from the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (ACOEM) for the following:

* Work Disability Prevention and Management (ACOEM April 11, 2022)
* Shoulder Disorders (ACOEM February 6, 2023)
* COVID-19 (ACOEM March 6, 2023)

The proposed evidence-based updates to the MTUS regulations are exempt from Labor Code sections 5307.3 and 5307.4 and the rulemaking provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act. However, DWC is required under Labor Code section 5307.27 to have a 30-day public comment period, hold a public hearing, and respond to all the comments received during the public comment period prior to publishing the order adopting the update online.

Members of the public may review and comment on the proposed updates. Written comments must be submitted no later than June 26, 2023. Please see the [proposed regulation page](https://www.dir.ca.gov/dwc/DWCPropRegs/2023/MTUS-Evidence-Based-Update/Index.htm) for direction for submitting written comments.

Members of the public may attend the virtual and conference call public hearing:

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| **Date:** | June 26, 2023 |
| **Time:** | 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., or until conclusion of business |
| **Hearing call in number:** | [**Access Information**](https://dir-ca-gov.zoom.us/j/92474087436)**Zoom:**Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android:<https://dir-ca-gov.zoom.us/j/83605680033>Or Telephone:USA 216 706 7005USA 866 434 5269 (US Toll Free)Conference code: 956474Find local AT&T Numbers: <https://www.teleconference.att.com/servlet/glbAccess?process=1&accessNumber=2167067005&accessCode=956474> |

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