State of California

Department of Industrial Relations

DIVISION OF WORKERS’ COMPENSATION



**[Proposed] Order of the Administrative Director of the**

**Division of Workers’ Compensation**

**Medical Treatment Utilization Schedule – Evidence-Based Updates to the MTUS**

**Effective for Services Rendered on or after June 1, 2025**

Labor Code section 5307.27, subdivision (a), provides that evidence-based adoption and updates to the Medical Treatment Utilization Schedule (MTUS) shall be made by issuance of an Administrative Director order exempt from Labor Code sections 5307.3 and 5307.4, and the rulemaking provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act.

Pursuant to Labor Code section 5307.27, subdivision (a), the Administrative Director of the Division of Workers’ Compensation hereby orders evidence-based update and adoption to the MTUS contained in Title 8, California Code of Regulations, sections 9792.24.2 and 9792.24.8 as set forth in Addenda One and Two, which are attached and incorporated by reference into this Order*.* This order will become effective on June 1, 2025. Responses to submitted comments shall be provided prior to the effective date of the updates. This order shall be published on the Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Workers’ Compensation internet website.

IT IS SO ORDERED,

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

GEORGE P. PARISOTTO

Administrative Director of the

Division of Workers’ Compensation

ADDENDUM ONE TO ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR ORDER

[Effective for services on or after June 1, 2025]

**§ 9792.24.2. Chronic Pain Guidelines.**

(a) The Administrative Director adopts and incorporates by reference the Chronic Pain Guideline (ACOEM ~~May 15, 2017~~December 19, 2024) into the MTUS from the ACOEM Practice Guidelines for the treatment and evaluation of patients who have chronic pain as defined in section 9792.20. This guideline addresses a general approach to patients with chronic pain and the psychological and behavioral aspects of chronic pain. This guideline also addresses a few specific chronic pain disorders (i.e., complex regional pain syndrome, fibromyalgia, neuropathic pain). Guidance for treatment and evaluation of chronic pain disorders not specifically addressed in this guideline are contained in the Clinical Topics guidelines and/or Opioid Guideline.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 133, 4603.5, 5307.3 and 5307.27, Labor Code. Reference: Sections 77.5, 4600, 4604.5 and 5307.27, Labor Code.

**§ 9792.24.8. Cannabis Guideline.**

(a) The Administrative Director adopts and incorporates by reference the Cannabis Guideline (ACOEM January 28, 2025) into the MTUS from the ACOEM Practice Guidelines for the treatment of pain (e.g. spine pain, chronic radicular pain, osteoarthritis). Guidance for treatment of pain disorders not specifically addressed in this guideline are contained in the Clinical Topics guidelines and/or Opioid Guideline.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 133, 4603.5, 5307.3 and 5307.27, Labor Code. Reference: Sections 77.5, 4600, 4604.5 and 5307.27, Labor Code.

ADDENDUM TWO TO ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR ORDER

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**ACOEM Guidelines adopted and incorporated by reference**

* § 9792.24.2. Chronic Pain Guidelines. (ACOEM December 19, 2024)
* § 9792.24.8. Cannabis Guideline. (ACOEM January 28, 2025)