**TITLE 8. INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS**

**DIVISION 1. DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS**

**CHAPTER 4.5. DIVISION OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION**

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**ARTICLE 5.5.2. MEDICAL TREATMENT UTILIZATION SCHEDULE**

**§ 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.