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DWC Posts the Proposed Guideline for Mental Illness & Stress to Online Forum

The Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) posts the proposed Mental Illness & Stress Guideline to update the current Stress Related Conditions Guideline of the Medical Treatment Utilization Schedule set forth in section 9792.23.8 to its online [forum](#). Members of the public may review and comment on the proposals until February 16, 2016. The proposed amendment to the regulations incorporate by reference the March 25, 2015 version of the Official Disability Guideline's "Mental Illness & Stress Guideline" which the DWC has adopted with permission from the publisher.

As previously announced, the DWC will be updating all of the clinical topic medical treatment guidelines of the Medical Treatment Utilization Schedule set forth in section 9792.23 *et seq.* This online forum follows the October 2015 online forum which posted two new additional guidelines, the proposed Occupational Interstitial Lung Disease Guideline and the Occupational/Work Related Asthma Guideline. Once the online forums have been completed for each specific clinical topic, the DWC will combine all of the proposed regulatory updates and additions to section 9792.23 *et seq.* into one rulemaking package.

The MTUS Mental Illness & Stress Guideline is set forth in the proposed amended section 9792.23.8 of Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations and can be found in DWC's [website](#).

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