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California Division of Workers' Compensation adopts revisions to MPN regulations and releases an FAQ to assist employers and insurers

The California Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) recently adopted anticipated modifications to existing MPN (Medical Provider Networks) regulations—including revision(s) to MPN plans, plan modification notifications and employee notifications—and published an FAQ to assist in compliance with recently amended and adopted MPN regulations.

Of note are anticipated changes that clarify inclusion of pharmacy and medical services and equipment providers as part of any existing or new MPN. Employers and insurers who wish to move forward with the inclusion of pharmacy and medical services and equipment in their existing MPN must comply with existing and revised MPN regulations.

The new version of the notice of MPN plan modification form becomes effective on October 8, 2010. The current version should be used until the new version goes into effect on this date. All employers and insurers (operating an MPN) are required to revise employee notices to comply with newly revised regulations effective October 8, 2010.

Final text of amended regulations can be found at:

http://www.dir.ca.gov/dwc/DWCPropRegs/MPN_Regulations/MPN_Regulations.htm.

Also available on the California DWC website:

- FAQs about MPN regulatory revisions effective October 8, 2010:
http://www.dir.ca.gov/dwc/mpn/DWC_MP_N_FAQ.html#2.
- New version of the notice of [MPN plan modification form](#)—current version should be used until new version goes into effect on October 8, 2010.
- A sample MPN employee notification –
http://www.dir.ca.gov/dwc/mpn/MPN_SampleInitialWrittenEmployeeNotificationLetter.doc – is currently on the DWC web site, which can still be used after October 8 because it complies with both current MPN regulations and the revised MPN regulations.
- Sample language for new MPN implementation notice, revised termination or cessation of use of MPN notice, and revised change of MPN notice effective on October 8 are in the revised regulations and posted here: [Sample MPN implementation, termination/cessation of use, and change of MPN notices](#). Current version of these notices should be used until the new versions go into effect on October 8, 2010.



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PMSI **strongly urges** all clients who are currently operating an MPN in the State of California to review and ensure compliance with the recently revised and adopted MPN regulations.

If you have any questions, please contact your Account Manager, or you may also contact our Director of Government Affairs, Kevin Tribout, at Kevin.Tribout@pmsionline.com or 813.627.2445.

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