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Calif. DWC updates new hire pamphlets, announces grace period

The California Department of Workers' Compensation (DWC) recently [announced](#) that, although [new regulations](#) from the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) concerning employees' pre-designation of their personal physician took effect July 1, 2014, claims administrators will be provided with a grace period until Sept. 1, 2014, to provide updated pamphlets to their employer clients.

While the rules governing how an employee pre-designates a physician have not changed, the regulations do necessitate a few minor changes to the new hire pamphlet and physician pre-designation form, including:

- The employee listing the name of the group health policy covering him/her for non-work related injuries.
- When a medical provider network (MPN) is not in place, the chiropractic pre-designation form must outline that the employee is entitled to no more than 24 chiropractic visits and that the chiropractor can no longer serve as the employee's physician once the 24-visit cap is met.

Sedgwick workers' compensation clients in California can secure the state-approved updated pamphlets in English and/or Spanish by contacting their designated client services representative. Please be sure to begin using the revised forms by Sept. 1 when providing your employees with their new hire pamphlets.

Should you have any questions, please contact your Sedgwick client services representative.

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