

Division of Workers' Compensation posts new fact sheets and guides for injured workers

The Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) has posted a series of revised guides and new fact sheets for injured workers on its Web site. Each of the guides is designed to help injured workers fill out forms they may need to get a claim problem resolved through the local workers' compensation court. The fact sheets provide injured workers with answers to frequently asked questions about issues affecting their benefits.

"Workers' compensation disputes can be complex enough on their own," said DWC Deputy Administrative Director Carrie Nevans. "These guides and fact sheets were written simply so they're easy to understand and follow."

The 15 guides previously published by the division were revised and re-numbered, and guides 16, 16A and 16B, which provide information on how to file a claim with the Uninsured Employers Fund (UEF), were added. In addition to the guides, the division added fact sheets about utilization review, temporary disability benefits, permanent disability benefits, qualified medical evaluators and the UEF.

The division will post an equivalent fact sheets and guides page in Spanish, along with "guides-only" pages in Chinese and Vietnamese in the near future.

Find the guides and fact sheets on the division's Web site at <http://www.dir.ca.gov/dwc/iwguides.html>.