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State: Calif. WCIRB Releases Presentation on Proposed COVID-Related Rule Changes : WEST [2020-04-27]

The Workers' Compensation Insurance Rating Bureau of California has released a <u>recording</u> and presentation outlining proposed regulatory changes awaiting approval from Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara.

The presentation, "COVID-19 and Workers' Compensation – What Employers Need to Know," is available on the WCIRB Webinars page of the WCIRB website.

During the presentation, WCIRB officials discuss three proposed regulatory changes intended to assist employers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The three changes include excluding workers' compensation claims directly arising from a diagnosis of COVID-19 from experience ratings, reclassifying employees whose duties during

the stay-at-home order fit the definition of clerical office employee, and excluding from reported payroll payments made to employees who aren't working during the pandemic.

The clerical office worker proposal would be in effect during the stay-at-home order and up to 60 days after. The payroll proposal would be in effect during the stay-at-home order and up to 30 days after, according to WCIRB.

