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## TOP NEWS

### DWC launches new online education module for Qualified Medical Evaluators



Department of Industrial Relations

The Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) has launched its second free [online physician education course](#). This course is highly recommended for California's Qualified Medical Evaluators (QMEs). It is also available to the public and may be useful for attorneys, claims administrators and medical providers participating in the California workers' compensation system.

"Evaluating California's Injured Workers: Qualified Medical Evaluators (QME)" is the second in a planned series of educational modules developed for medical doctors, chiropractors and nurses. QMEs play a critical role in resolving disputes within the workers' compensation system. [READ MORE](#)

### Health giant Sutter destroys evidence in crucial antitrust case over high prices



California Healthline

Sutter Health intentionally destroyed 192 boxes of documents that employers and labor unions were seeking in a lawsuit that accuses the giant Northern California health system of abusing its market power and charging inflated prices, according to a state judge. [READ MORE](#)

## DIR won't accept MEWA's certs



Worker's Comp Executive

The Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) will not accept certificates of workers' comp insurance from American Labor Alliance and CompOne USA. The move came as the result of multiple questions from Workers' Comp Executive. The California Department of Insurance, last week in a ruling, determined that American Labor Alliance, CompOne USA, Agricultural Contracting Services Association and their leader Marcus Asay has been selling workers' compensation "coverage" illegally in California. [READ MORE](#)



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