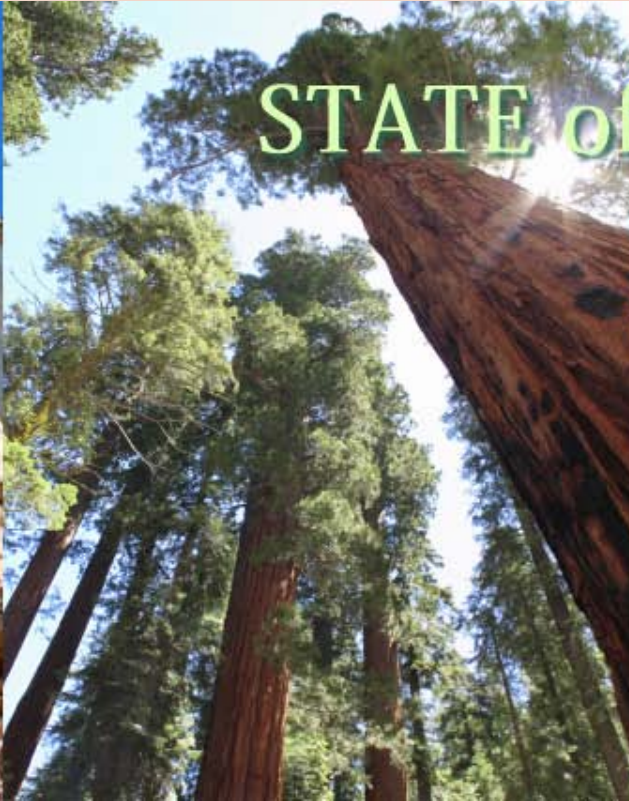


Division of Workers' Compensation 2011 Updates

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DWC Structure—Leadership

- **Administrative director:**
- **Deputy administrative director:**
- **Court administrator: Keven Star**
- **Executive medical director:**
- **Chief legal counsel: Destie Overpeck**
- **Chief of programmatic services: Angela Michael**
- **Chief of legislation and policy: Susan Gard**
- **Southern region manager: Mark Kahn**
- **Northern region manager: Joel Harter**

12-Point plan to help control medical costs as launched in July 2009

Status as of March 2011

1. Tightening treatment guidelines:
Updated MTUS includes guidelines for use of compounded topical drugs

✓ complete
Regulations took effect 7/18/09.

2. Providing a network option:
Reducing the HCO fees made HCOs more on par with MPNs cost-wise and gave employers another option for choosing a network of doctors and eliminating UR costs

✓ complete
Regulations took effect 1/1/10.

3. Simplifying MPN rules:
Updated the MPN rules to streamline notice requirements, which alleviates administrative overhead

✓ complete
Regulations took effect 10/9/10.

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<p>4. Improving medical cost reporting: The WCIS regulations clarified medical lien reporting, which will allow DWC to better monitor medical costs</p>	<p><u>✓ complete but not yet effective</u> Regulations filed with secretary of state 11/15/10 and will become effective 11/15/11.</p>
<p>5. Implementing e-billing: Medical e-billing regulations will encourage electronic billing and faster payments to physicians</p>	<p><u>✓ complete but not yet effective</u> Regulations filed with secretary of state 4/18/11. Standardized billing effective 10/15/11. Electronic billing effective 10/18/12.</p>
<p>6. Creating pharmacy networks: Would allow employers to contain pharmacy costs</p>	<p><u>Impediments to completion exist</u> Advisory group held in the fall of 2009. Draft regulations posted on forum for comment in March 2010.</p>

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7. Streamlining requests for medical authorization:
Revise physician reporting forms so it is clear when a physician is requesting medical treatment.

Begun—to be completed in mid-2011
Proposed draft regulations posted on forum for comment until 4/5/10. These regulations are being implemented in conjunction with UR regulations, which will be completed in mid-2011.

8. ASC fees:
Reduce ASC fees from 120% to 100 % the Medicare fees for outpatient hospitals

In progress—to be completed soon
Public hearing held on 1/25/11.

9. Reducing duplicate payment for spinal hardware pass-through:
Amend inpatient fee schedule

In progress—to be completed soon
Public hearing held on 1/25/11.

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<p>10. Streamlining UR: Amend UR regulations to streamline procedures and reduce administrative costs</p>	<p><u>Begun—to be completed in mid-2011</u> Stakeholder meeting held on 4/8/10. Proposed draft amended regulations posted on forum for comments 9/23/10. Formal rulemaking will take place in mid 2011.</p>
<p>11. Updating coding for doctor payments: Converting from the current physician fee schedule to a RBRVS system</p>	<p><u>Begun—could be completed in 2011</u> Proposed draft regulations and the Lewin report posted on forum until 4/5/10; revised version posted from 7/6 through 7/20/10. Stakeholder meeting held on 8/17/10.</p>
<p>12. Considering creation of a drug formulary: Consider an additional revision to the MTUS</p>	<p><u>Impediments to completion exist</u> The next MTUS update will address chronic pain and opioids. The rulemaking requires the guidance of an executive medical director.</p>

Subject	Regulations Sections	Anticipated Notice Date
ADA Regulations	8 CCR §§ 9708.1 – 9708.6 and 10226.1 – 10226.6 (New sections)	May 2011
QME Regulations (Chiro Specialties)	8 CCR §§ 100, 105, 106	May 2011
Benefit Notices	8 CCR §§ 9810-9815	June 2011
MTUS (Presumption of Correctness, Burden of Proof and Strength of Evidence)	8 CCR §§ 9792.25 and 9792.26	July 2011

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Electronic Filing in EAMS	8 CCR §§ 10210 et seq.	July 2011
Employers' First Report of Occupational Injury or Illness	8 CCR §§ 9705 (New section)	July 2011
PDRS	8 CCR §§ 9805 et seq.	August 2011
QME Regulations (Part 2)	8 CCR §§ 30, 17	August 2011
Interpreter Fee Schedule	8 CCR 9795.1 et seq.	Sept. 2011