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Medical and medical-legal travel expense rates increase

The mileage rate for medical and medical-legal travel expenses will increase to 44.5 cents per mile effective Jul. 1, 2006.

Labor Code section 4600, in conjunction with Government Code section 19820 and the Department of Personnel Administration regulations, establishes the rate payable for mileage reimbursement for medical and medical-legal expense. Since 2001 the mileage rate has been 34 cents per mile.

The Department of Personnel Administration's tentative collective bargaining agreement amended its travel rules and established a mileage rate of 44.5 cents per mile (Title 2, California Code of Regulations, section 599.631(a)). Although the contract must be ratified by the Legislature in August 2006, the changes will be effective for travel on or after Jul. 1, 2006, regardless of the date of injury.

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