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DIR Reduces Fees for Independent Medical Review, Independent Bill Review by 25 Percent

The Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) is pleased to announce a reduction in [Independent Medical Review](#) and [Independent Bill Review](#) fees effective April 1, 2014. These new fees represent a 25 percent reduction. Parties who submitted an IMR or IBR on or after April 1, 2014 will receive a refund in the amount of fees paid in excess of the new fee schedule.

IMR Fees

Any IMR application submitted on or after April 1, 2014 will be subject to the following fee schedule:

Standard IMRs Involving Non-Pharmacy Claims*

Previous Fee: \$560 per IMR

Fee Effective April 1, 2014: \$420 per IMR

Expedited IMRs Involving Non-Pharmacy Claims

Previous Fee: \$685 per IMR

Fee Effective April 1, 2014: \$515 per IMR

Standard IMRs Involving Pharmacy Only Claims**

Previous Fee: Not Applicable

Fee Effective April 1, 2014: \$390 per IMRs

IMRs Terminated or Dismissed Not Forwarded to a Medical Professional Reviewer:

Previous Fee: \$215 per IMR

Fee Effective April 1, 2014: \$160 per IMR

IMRs Terminated or Dismissed After Case Forwarded to a Medical Professional Reviewer:

Previous Fee: \$560 per IMR

Fee Effective April 1, 2014: \$420 per IMR

IBR Fees

Any IBR application submitted on or after April 1, 2014 will be subject to the following fee schedule.

Completed IBR

Previous Fee: \$335 per IBR

Fee Effective April 1, 2014: \$250 per IBR

Terminated IBR Not Sent to Review***

Previous Fee: \$65 per IBR

Fee Effective April 1, 2014: \$50 per IBR

* A “non-pharmacy-only” IMR is an IMR where not all treatments in dispute fall under the service category, “pharmaceuticals.”

** A “pharmacy-only” IMR is an IMR where all treatments in dispute fall under the service category “pharmaceuticals.”

*** Sending an IBR to review means assigning and providing the complete file to a certified coding specialist with the expertise necessary to evaluate and render decisions on all line items in dispute.

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