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DWC announces agenda for educational forums on UR and IMR

The Division of Workers' Compensation will hold two educational forums to discuss utilization review (UR) and independent medical review (IMR). The forums are scheduled to take place in Van Nuys on January 13 and in Oakland on January 14. The agenda is as follows:

Introduction

- Meeting Purpose: To share data and information
- Ground rules

Utilization Review (UR)

- UR statistics
- UR regulations
 - Request for Authorization form
 - Role of physician
 - Role of claims administrator

Independent Medical Review

- IMR data/statistics
- IMR regulations
 - IMR application
 - Penalties

Examples of IMR Decisions

Q&A of Topics Covered

Conclusion and Wrap Up

DWC's presentation will focus on the data that has been collected on UR and the new IMR program. DWC will also update the public on how the final UR and IMR regulations differ from the emergency regulations.

"We hope the presentation will lay the groundwork for the public to understand how UR and IMR help make sure that injured workers are receiving timely, appropriate, and evidence-based medical treatment," says Destie Overpeck, Acting Administrative Director for DWC.

The forums will be held at the following locations and times:

Southern California

Date: January 13, 2014

Time: 1:00 – 3:00 PM

Place: Auditorium

Van Nuys State Office Building

6150 Van Nuys Blvd.

Van Nuys, CA 91401

Northern California

Date: January 14, 2014

Time: 10:00 AM – 12 Noon

Place: Auditorium

Elihu Harris State Office Building

1515 Clay St., Room 1

Oakland, CA 94612

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