

## N E W S L I N E

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### **DIR Reduces Fees for Independent Medical Review, Independent Bill Review**

The Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) is pleased to announce a reduction in Independent Medical Review and Independent Bill Review fees effective January 1, 2015.

#### **IMR Fees**

Any IMR application submitted on or after January 1, 2015 will be subject to the following fee schedule:

##### Standard IMRs Involving Non-Pharmacy Claims\*

- Fee effective April 1, 2014: \$420 per IMR
- Fee effective Jan. 1, 2015: \$390 per IMR

##### Standard IMRs Involving Pharmacy Only Claims\*\*

- Fee effective April 1, 2014: \$390 per IMR
- Fee effective Jan. 1, 2015: \$345 per IMR

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

- Fee effective April 1, 2014: \$160 per IMR
- Fee effective Jan. 1, 2015: \$123 per IMR

#### **IBR Fees**

Any IBR application submitted on or after January 1, 2015 will be subject to the following fee schedule:

##### Completed IBR

- Fee effective April 1, 2014: \$250 per IBR
- Fee effective Jan. 1, 2015: \$195 per IBR

Ineligible IBR Not Sent to Review\*\*\*

- Fee effective April 1, 2014: \$50 per IBR
- Fee effective Jan. 1, 2015: \$47.50 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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