Mileage Rate for Medical and Medical-Legal Travel Expenses Decreases Effective January 1, 2017

The Division of Workers’ Compensation (DWC) is announcing the decrease of the mileage rate for medical and medical-legal travel expenses by one-half cent to 53.5 cents per mile effective January 1, 2017.

This rate must be paid for travel on or after January 1, 2017 regardless of the date of injury. 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 expenses and ties it to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

IRS Bulletin Number IR-2016-169 dated December 13, 2016 announced the rate decrease. The updated mileage reimbursement form is posted on the DWC website.

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