

## N E W S L I N E

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### **DWC Launches New Online Education Module for Qualified Medical Evaluators**

The Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) today launched its second free [online physician education course](#). This course is highly recommended for California's Qualified Medical Evaluators (QMEs). It is also available to the public and may be useful for attorneys, claims administrators and medical providers participating in the California workers' compensation system.

"Evaluating California's Injured Workers: Qualified Medical Evaluators (QME)" is the second in a planned series of educational modules developed for medical doctors, chiropractors and nurses. QMEs play a critical role in resolving disputes within the workers' compensation system.

The online education will cover:

- How to prepare for an evaluation and outline the components of a quality report
- How to properly identify and apply the complexity factors in the medical-legal fee schedule to ensure accurate billing
- Administrative regulations to stay in compliance as a QME

This activity has been approved for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ as well as 1 hour of QME continuing education credit.

Access to the physician education [module](#) can be found on the DWC [website](#) and will be available by mobile app soon. The first education module, "Caring for California's Injured Workers: Using California's Medical Treatment Utilization Schedule (MTUS)," is also available on the website.

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Institute for Medical Quality/California Medical Association (IMQ/CMA) through the joint providership of the Center for Occupational

and Environmental Health (COEH) and State of California Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Workers' Compensation. The Center for Occupational and Environmental Health is accredited by the IMQ/CMA to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The Center for Occupational and Environmental Health designates this enduring material for a maximum of 1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)<sup>™</sup>. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

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