DWC Posts Updated MTUS Drug List Effective October 1

The Division of Workers’ Compensation’s (DWC) Administrative Director George Parisotto has issued an Order updating the Medical Treatment Utilization Schedule (MTUS) Drug List effective October 1, 2018 pursuant to Labor Code section 5307.29.

The Administrative Director’s update Order adopts changes to the MTUS Drug List, based on the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (ACOEM) Practice Guidelines, including the following:

- Addition of drugs addressed in the Chronic Pain Guideline and Opioids Guideline
- New, Revised, and Deleted Drug Recommendations (related primarily to the Chronic Pain Guideline, and the Opioids Guideline)

The updated MTUS Drug List v. 3, the Administrative Director’s Order and the formulary regulations can be accessed on the DWC MTUS drug formulary web page. Further updates to the MTUS Drug List will be made on a quarterly or more frequent basis.

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