DWC Posts Updated MTUS Drug List Effective August 1, 2019

The Division of Workers’ Compensation (DWC) Administrative Director George Parisotto has issued an order updating the Medical Treatment Utilization Schedule (MTUS) Drug List effective August 1, 2019 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:

- New drug recommendations addressed in the Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Guideline
- Designation of additional drugs as “special fill” eligible, due to treatment recommendation in the Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Guideline
- Deletion of codeine phosphate from the MTUS Drug List
- New drug recommendations pertaining to diclofenac sodium and divalproex sodium

The updated MTUS Drug List v.5 and the Administrative Director order can be accessed on the DWC MTUS drug formulary web page. Questions and comments can be directed to Formulary@dir.ca.gov.

###

The California Department of Industrial Relations, established in 1927, protects and improves the health, safety, and economic well-being of over 18 million wage earners, and helps their employers comply with state labor laws. DIR is housed within the Labor & Workforce Development Agency. For general inquiries, contact DIR’s Communications Call Center at 844-LABOR-DIR (844-522-6734) for help in locating the appropriate division or program in our department.