CHSWC Meeting
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Topics

- Medical Treatment Utilization Schedule (MTUS)
- MTUS Formulary & Drug List
- COVID-19 Claims
- Independent Medical Review (IMR) Decisions
- QME numbers
- Online Education
MTUS Updates

• Updated ACOEM COVID-19 Guideline
  • Anticipate adoption into the MTUS Fall, 2022
MTUS Formulary and Drug List

• MTUS Drug List update with COVID-19 medications to follow adoption of updated ACOEM COVID-19 Guideline
COVID Claims over the last 12 months

https://www.cwci.org/CV19claims.html
COVID Deaths in California

92,595 total confirmed deaths
126 new deaths (0.1% increase)
0.1 deaths per 100K (7-day average)

01/12/2021 – 716 deaths
01/30/2022 – 279 deaths
07/07/2022 – 21 deaths

https://covid19.ca.gov/state-dashboard/
# IMR Decision Letters, 2013 - 2021

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**IMR – 62,859 decisions Jan – June, 2022**

**Independent Medical Review (IMR) Update 2022**

**Case Decisions**

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QME Numbers

- 2020: 2,480
- 2021: 2,545
- 2022: 2,440
DWC Online Education – MTUS

• MTUS Course – 1826 completions over 3 years

Medical Treatment Utilization Schedule (MTUS)

This online 90-minute course is open to the public and may also be useful for attorneys, claims administrators, and medical providers participating in the California workers’ compensation system.

MTUS Training Module

https://www.dir.ca.gov/dwc/OnlineEducationalModules/MTUS.htm
DWC Online Education – QME

- QME Course – 309 completions over 9 months

Qualified Medical Evaluators (QME)

This online two-hour course is open to the public and may also be useful for attorneys, claims administrators, and medical providers participating in the California workers’ compensation system.

QME Training Module
Including Important Guidance on Apportionment
DWC QME Online Course
- Apportionment Section

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