

## N E W S L I N E

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### **DWC announces agenda for the January 13 and 14 meetings in Van Nuys and Oakland on UR and IMR**

The agenda for the Van Nuys, January 13, and Oakland, January 14, public meetings on utilization review (UR) and independent medical review (IMR) is as follows:

#### **Introduction**

- Meeting Purpose: To share data and information
- Ground rules

#### **Utilization Review (UR)**

- UR statistics
- UR regulations
  - Request for Authorization form
  - Role of physician
  - Role of claims administrator

#### **Independent Medical Review**

- IMR data/statistics
- IMR regulations
  - IMR application
  - Penalties

#### **Examples of IMR decisions**

#### **Conclusion and Wrap Up**

The presentation will focus on the data that has been collected on UR and the new IMR program so that the public will have a sense of what's really happening with treatment requests. DWC will also update the public on how the final UR and IMR regulations differ from the emergency regulations.

"We hope the presentation will lay the groundwork for the public to understand how UR and IMR help make sure that injured workers are receiving timely, appropriate, and evidence-based medical treatment," says Destie Overpeck, Acting Administrative Director for DWC.

The meetings will be held at the following locations and times:

**Southern California**

**Date:** January 13, 2014

**Time:** 1:00 – 3:00 PM

**Place:** Auditorium

Van Nuys State Office Building

6150 Van Nuys Blvd.

Van Nuys, CA 91401

**Northern California**

**Date:** January 14, 2014

**Time:** 10:00 AM – 12 Noon

**Place:** Auditorium

Elihu Harris State Office Building

1515 Clay St., Room 1

Oakland, CA 94612

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