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## News from the Division of Workers' Compensation

### A Must Watch Course for Qualified Medical Evaluators (QMEs)

The Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) has launched an update to their educational training module, "Evaluating California's Injured Workers: Qualified Medical Evaluators." This course is strongly recommended for all California Qualified Medical Evaluators (QMEs) and treating physicians and staff who want a better understanding of evaluating impairment issues. The course is complimentary.

To access the training module: <https://www.dir.ca.gov/dwc/OnlineEducationalModules/QME.htm>

Click on: "QME Training Module — Including Importance Guidance on Apportionment"

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## Health Industry Wields Power in California's High-Stakes Battle to Lower Health Care Costs

California Healthcare

Gavin Newsom put California's health care industry on notice when he was a candidate for governor, vowing in 2018 to go after the insurance companies, doctors and hospitals that leave many

Californians struggling with enormous medical bills and rising insurance premiums. He pledged to lead California's single-payer movement, a high-stakes liberal dream that would eliminate private health insurance and slash how much providers are paid. The tough rhetoric continued after he was elected, when Newsom told insurers to "do their damn job" to improve mental health treatment or face fines, and he vowed to cut the health care industry's soaring revenues. Industry leaders were rattled. But rather than mobilize a full-throttle defense to sink Newsom's effort to regulate them, they have used their political clout and close ties with the governor to devise a friendlier alternative that doctors, hospitals and insurance companies could live with.

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## Mitchell, Genex and Coventry Unveil New United Single Brand: Enlyte

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Mitchell, Genex and Coventry have formally announced the creation of their new parent brand, Enlyte. The three businesses have been moving towards unification since the merger of Mitchell and Genex in 2018, followed by the acquisition of Coventry in 2020. This combination under the new Enlyte brand creates a one-of-a-kind organization in the Property & Casualty industry with technology innovation, clinical services and network solutions, all backed by an unrivaled collection of expertise across the entire claims continuum.

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## Hospital for Special Surgery Completes First Knee Replacement With 'Smart' Implant

Becker's Spine Review

New York City-based Hospital for Special Surgery completed the first knee replacement with a smart implant enabling remote monitoring. Peter Sculco, MD, and Fred Cushner, MD, performed the procedure using the Persona IQ implant, according to an Oct. 12 news release. The device received de novo classification and authorization from the FDA in August. The implant has a smart sensor that can count steps, measure walking speed, range of motion and other indicators of knee function after surgery. It wirelessly transmits data and works with the Mymobility app for patients.

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