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DWC Releases Updates to the Medical-Legal Fee Schedule — Effective April 1, 2021

Highlights of the new Fee Schedule:

- Flat rate system starting at \$2,015 which includes 200 pages of records. \$3.00 per page of records thereafter. A projected 25% increase over existing reimbursement levels.
- Supplemental Medical-Legal Evaluation – \$650 - includes review of 50 pages of records.
- Reimbursement for Missed Appointments – \$503.75.
- Depositions - \$455 per hour – 2 hour minimum.

[COA Summary of Changes](#)

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Sutter Health Plans Operational Changes as 'Unsustainable' Finances Loom

Sacramento Business Journal

As Sutter Health posted a loss from operations in the hundreds of millions for the second year in a row, the health system is launching a "sweeping review" of its operations, according to a new financial report. Sacramento-based Sutter Health is the second-largest private employer in the Sacramento area, with almost 19,000 employees in the region, according to Business Journal research. The not-for-profit health system operates 24 hospitals, mostly in Northern California.

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Interaction Between PPP Loans and the Employee Retention Credit

American River Wealth Tax Consultants

The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (CCA), which was passed by Congress and signed by the president late last December, included a very tax-beneficial provision that liberalized the interaction between PPP loans and the Employee Retention Credit (ERC). Prior to its passage, if an employer obtained a Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan, the employer was ineligible to claim the ERC. However, under the legislation, an employer that is eligible for the ERC can claim the ERC even if the employer has received a PPP loan, under the following circumstances. [Read the full article and submit your questions here.](#)

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