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Tuesday, June 30 – 6:00 pm
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- Statewide Initiative to Change MICRA – Tort Reform Law in California
- COVID-19 and Your Liability – Patients and Employees
- California State Budget – Will Health Care be Cut?
- Scope of Practice – Athletic Trainers
- Legislation that Will Affect you as an Employer

The webinar will feature:

Russell Nord, M.D. – COA's 2nd VP/Chair – Legislative Committee
Kim Stone, Esq., Stone Advocacy – COA's Lobbyist
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Workers' Compensation Guidance

DWC Posts Proposed Amendments to Medical-Legal Fee Schedule



The Division of Workers' Compensation

The Division of Workers' Compensation has posted proposed changes to the Medical-Legal Fee Schedule. The changes propose an entirely new flat-rate system for reimbursing physicians for evaluations and other Medical-Legal services. For example, DWC is proposing that the flat rate for a Comprehensive Medical-Legal Evaluation is \$2,015 and would include review of 200 pages of records. Additional records would be

reimbursable at a per page rate. The proposed implementation date is January 1, 2021.

COA leaders participated in a DWC Work Group last Fall that helped develop the framework for these changes. We **support** the proposal as a good first step in updating the Medical-Legal Fee Schedule. COA will continue to work with the Division to refine the proposal.

The Public Forum is just the first step in revising the Medical-Legal Fee Schedule. The proposed changes will still need to go through a formal regulatory rule-making process.

COA would welcome your comments on the proposed changes. Please also copy us on any comments that you post in the Forum. **Please send them to admin@coa.org**

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Becker's Hospital Review

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