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### DWC Legal Counsel Answers 4 Key Questions Asked at COA's 2021 QME Course - Clarifies Other Issues

DWC

#### Question 1

**Discussion at the meeting:**

Labor Code 4062.3 requires parties to confer prior to sending records to QME/AME and to send the records 10 days in advance of evaluation. If the QME/AME does not get the records 10 days prior to the evaluation, they can communicate to the parties that the records were received, but not reviewed pursuant to California Code of Regulations 9793 (n) because they were not received 10 days prior to the evaluation. Parties will have to send a request for a supplemental report asking the QME/AME to review records.

Suggested sentence to put in Medical-Legal Report – Records were received but not reviewed per CA Code of Reg 9793 (n). If you want me to review the records, please send a request for a supplemental report. (If Declaration not received with records, add – Please also send the required Declaration which includes the number of pages of records sent.)

**Response from DWC Legal Counsel:**

In review of Labor Code § 4062.3 and regulation § 9793(n), we cannot find where it requires records be delivered to the QME 10 days in advance of the evaluation. However, there is a reference in regulation § 35(i) which indicates that the physician's course of action if the records have not been received 10 days after the date of the evaluation.

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### California Virus Cases Rising as Delta Variant Spreads

The Associated Press

California broadly reopened its economy barely two weeks ago and since then an especially contagious coronavirus variant has spread among the unvaccinated, a development that has health officials on edge and already has prompted Los Angeles County to strongly recommend everyone resume wearing masks inside.

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Becker's Hospital Review

Physicians at Escondido, Calif.-based Palomar Health have voted "no confidence" in leadership after the health system revealed plans to switch contracted medical groups, *The San Diego Union-Tribune* reported. Palomar announced June 21 that it had struck an agreement on a three-year contract with emergency care provider Emergent Medical Associates and another medical group, Benchmark, to provide emergency physicians, hospitalists, intensivists and related support personnel for its hospitals in Escondido and Poway, Calif. Emergent Medical Associates would replace Vituity, a medical group based in Emeryville, Calif. Vituity has provided intensivists for the last six years, hospitalists for eight years and emergency physicians for more than four decades.

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### New Wave of Federal Bipartisan Bills To Expand Telehealth

Center for Connected Health Policy

At present, CCHP is tracking over 100 pieces of telehealth legislation in the current federal legislative session. This month we have seen a number of bipartisan bills introduced, continuing the federal push to expand telehealth availability and codify flexibilities allowed during the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE).

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Harvard Business Review

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