



## ESIS Workers Compensation Judicial Update

### Effective January 1, 2018

The California Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) Division of Workers Compensation (DWC) has approved the CA Drug Formulary effective January 1, 2018. This new formulary will apply to all dates of injury for medication dispensed on or after January 1, 2018.

### Why It's Significant:

This new formulary is intended to reduce pharmacy payments by mandating that specific medications must be pre-authorized or processed through utilization review and processed through the Independent Medical Review program. The regulations include Special-Fill provisions, Perioperative Drugs, Exempt Drug list, Non Exempt Drug list, Compound Drugs as well as a Drug Formulary transition provision for injured workers that have been receiving non-exempt, unlisted or compound medications prior to January 1, 2018.

### Who is Impacted:

Clients with California workers compensation exposure. ESIS will be providing training to all of our California workers compensation claims staff on these new regulations in preparation for January 1, 2018. ESIS' Pharmacy Impact team will be sending out letters to physicians, pharmacies, and injured employees receiving medication to advise of the upcoming CA Pharmacy Formulary changes.

This email is for informational purposes only.

### Have More Questions?

For more information on the California ruling contact your ESIS Partnership Leader or visit [www.dir.ca.gov/dwc/MTUS](http://www.dir.ca.gov/dwc/MTUS)

### California MTUS Webinar: Thursday December 7, 2017

**Date:** Thursday, December 7  
**Time:** 1:00 - 2:00 PM EST  
**Access Code:** 316 317 262  
**Meeting Password:** California  
**Dial-in by Phone:** 1-763-957-6300  
**Meeting Link:** [Join Here](#)

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