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Secretary David M. Lanier Issues Statement on Workers' Compensation Reform Laws

SACRAMENTO – California Labor and Workforce Development Agency Secretary David M. Lanier today issued the following statement on Governor Brown's enacted workers' compensation reforms:

“With today's actions on legislation, the Governor once again demonstrated his steadfast commitment to improving California's worker's compensation system.

“His actions clearly protect and enhance the 2012 reforms he championed to increase benefits and improve care to injured workers while controlling costs for employers. Benefits to injured workers were increased by 30 percent, and the reforms not only prevented an anticipated rate spike – they have led to four consecutive rate reductions for employers.

“The reforms enacted today will further improve treatment of injured workers and crack down on those that seek to profit through fraud and deceit at the expense of workers and employers alike.

“The prescription drug formulary is on track for launch next summer. Today's actions give the state new tools to combat fraud and abuse. California is on a clear path for continuous improvements to its workers' compensation system – poised to be implemented on a regular basis for years to come. While there is always more work to do to improve our system, it's a good day for workers' compensation in California.”

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