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### Latest Press Releases

#### Medical Society Announces Breakthrough Workers' Compensation Resource/Case Manag

Chicago, Ill., April 15, 2006 – The American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine has announced release of the Utilization Management Knowledgebase™ (UMK), an exclusive or that assists in evaluating, tracking, and reporting the medical necessity and/or appropriateness o services. This new breakthrough workers' compensation resource is a searchable, state-of-the-a referenced database that is medically consistent with ACOEM's *Occupational Medicine Practice* and *APG Insights* newsletter.

The primary focus of the UMK is to provide a shared language for treating injured workers. The U relevant, up-to-date utilization information for those involved in the administration of health care p utilization management, or other facets of the disability management delivery system including w compensation insurance and administration. The UMK contains a unique coding system and acc of precise descriptors that together provide a common meaning for physician and payer alike as i protocol and/or patient circumstances under which a particular service was provided. Among mai features, users can also add their own notes and clarifications to this knowledgebase to make it r and relevant to their constituents. With this communication tool available, administrative burdens providers and payers will be significantly reduced, and the uniformity in the application of paymer be improved.

"As an international medical specialty society with the mission of supporting healthy treatment for and environmental injury, we are completely committed to providing our patients, employees of c our members, the medical community, and others with the most carefully reviewed and considere information available anywhere," said Cheryl S. Barbanel, MD, ACOEM President. "Using ACOE property and expertise to develop new products such as the UMK helps support our mission by i delivery of health care."

To deliver and support the UMK, ACOEM selected as a partner the Reed Group of Colorado, dev world's leading disability reference guidelines, *The Medical Disability Advisor*. "Reed Group has a commitment to first ensuring the healthy, productive, timely and safe return to the workplace for i disabled workers," said Presley Reed, MD, founder and Chairman of Reed Group. "Having been associated with ACOEM as a medical professional for more than two decades, I know that ACOE Group share this core value as both organizations have developed the most respected scientific, based, and medically supported guidelines for their respective audiences."

"We know that the UMK will help to improve the way physicians, other health care professionals, parties communicate, track, and evaluate a very wide range of diagnostic processes, patient eval treatments options," confirmed Barry S. Eisenberg, ACOEM's Executive Director. "This will result administrative efficiencies, cost savings and most importantly better care for injured workers."

The UMK™ is now available for annual license on a single seat basis or in volume arrangements more about the UMK and its application, visit <http://www.acoemumk.org/>

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#### About the American College of Occupation and Environmental Medicine (ACOEM)

Founded in 1916, ACOEM is an international medical society of more than 5,000 occupational ar

environmental physicians and other allied health professionals that provides leadership to promote health and safety of workers, workplaces, and environments. The College is headquartered in the area.

**About Reed Group, Ltd.**

Dr. Presley Reed founded Reed Group in 1981 to address workplace productivity and employee in the corporate environment. Reed Group maintains four key lines of business: Guidelines, Serv Analytics, and Education. Reed Group publishes the industry-standard disability duration guideline Fifth Edition, *The Medical Disability Advisor* is the world's most widely used information resource information with more than 22,000 clients.

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