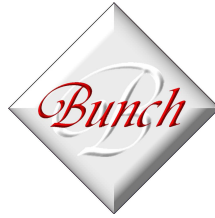

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Bunch Expands Services with COSTCO

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Bunch & Associates, Inc. is proud to announce that it is expanding services to Costco Wholesale. In February, 2002, Bunch & Associates began its partnership with Costco Wholesale by medically managing Costco's Workers' Comp claims. In November, 2003, Bunch & Associates expanded its services with Costco to include integrated medical bill review which will maximize savings on Workers' Comp claims .

Bunch's state-of-the-art paperless bill review system will help to ensure that workers' compensation bills are paid timely and accurately. Through a unique system of checks and balances, bills are processed and transmitted to Costco's third party administrator on a daily basis.

Concurrent with the implementation of medical bill review, Bunch & Associates worked with Costco to design a targeted medical management program for their California workers' compensation program. This model of claims management requires Bunch & Associates to work closely with Costco's team of claims examiners. To accommodate this collaboration, Bunch & Associates placed nurses on-site at the claims examiners' office in Orange, California. This approach has been strategically designed to help cut Costco Workers' Comp costs where, in California, one third of Costco's employees make up two thirds of the workers' comp costs.

Costco Wholesale Corporation is a membership warehouse operation selling high-quality, nationally branded and selected private label merchandise including appliances, electronics, apparel, hardware, furniture, jewelry, office products, sporting goods and food. Costco has over 400 locations internationally and employs over 100,000 employees worldwide.

Bunch & Associates is a disability management company that provides Medical Case Management Services and Medical Bill Review. Bunch offices are located in California, Ohio, Texas and Pennsylvania. Bunch's Executive Office is located in Lakeland, Florida. With the expansion of services Bunch & Associates provides Costco, Bunch & Associates now utilizes its Florida, Ohio, Texas and newly established Orange, CA locations to support Costco.

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