

Become a physician reviewer

Conduct objective exams for the Workers' Compensation Division



The Workers' Compensation Division uses physician reviews to provide an expert medical opinion when the appropriateness of treatment is in dispute.

Guaranteed payment

Under ORS 656.325 and ORS 656.327, the insurer pays the physician reviewer after the reviewer submits the report and bill. If you have questions about payment, contact the Workers' Compensation Division. The current payment amounts are listed in the Division 009 Medical Fee and Payment Rules, Appendix B. The payment categories are as follows:

CODE	DESCRIPTION	RATE*
P0001	Director required medical exam: paid at an hourly rate for exam (P0001) and record review (P0002), up to six hours combined.	\$320.30 per hour
P0002	Director required file review time: paid at an hourly rate for record review (P0002) and exam (P0001), up to six hours combined.	\$320.30 per hour
P0003	Director required medical report: preparation and submission of the report.	\$320.30 per hour
P0004	Director-required review – complex case fee: preauthorized fee by the director for an extensive review in a complex case.	\$384.06 per hour

*Effective April 1, 2024.

What does a physician reviewer do?

The physician reviewer provides a one-time evaluation that includes:

- ◆ Performing a physical exam and medical record review
- ◆ Writing a report that answers three standard questions
- ◆ Providing a detailed answer about the appropriateness of the disputed treatment



Three standard questions asked in the report:

1. What are the indications for the disputed treatment?
2. Does the patient demonstrate clinical evidence consistent with the indications? Detail the supporting evidence.
3. Is the disputed treatment appropriate? If so, why is it appropriate? If not, why is it inappropriate?

Physician reviewers are not liable and do not:

- ◆ Decide compensability
- ◆ Provide ongoing treatment
- ◆ Conduct an independent medical exam

For more information about how to become a physician reviewer, contact the Workers' Compensation Division:

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