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

Per 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 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 6 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 6 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

What is a physician reviewer?

The physician reviewer provides a one-time evaluation, which includes:

◆ A review of the medical record and exam

◆ A report that answers three standard questions

◆ A detailed answer about how and why the reviewer found the disputed treatment to be, or not to be, appropriate

The physician reviewer is not liable and does not:

◆ Decide compensability

◆ Provide ongoing treatment

◆ Conduct an independent medical exam

Three standard questions covered 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?

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