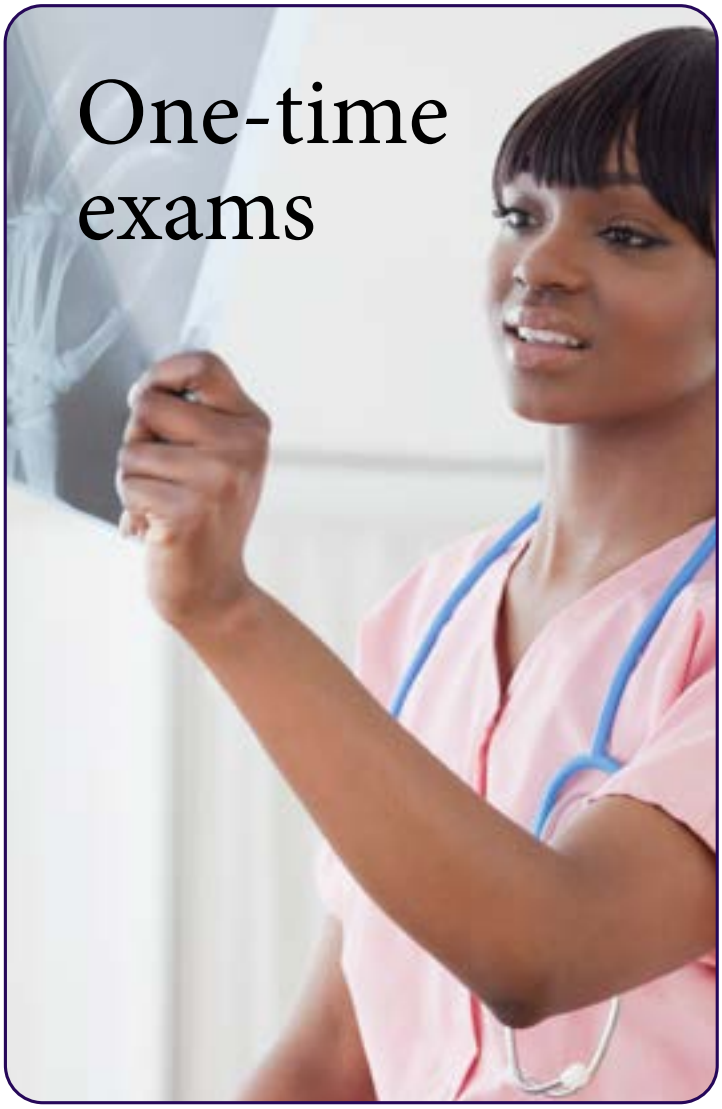
Hassle-free worker-requested medical exams

Worker-requested medical exam

A worker-requested medical exam (WRME) is an objective and impartial one-time exam available to a worker whose workers' compensation claim has been denied. The Workers' Compensation Division (WCD) selects the health care provider to perform the WRME.



Payment

A workers' compensation insurance company must pay your usual fee for the WRME and associated report. If the worker fails to attend the scheduled WRME, the insurer must pay you a missed appointment fee.

Responsibility

There is no set fee schedule for these exams and you should bill your usual and customary fees for the WRME and report. The insurer must send you the medical records. Upon completing the exam, the report needs to:

- Address the questions asked during the original independent medical exam (IME)
- Address any questions submitted by the worker or the worker's attorney

Authorization

You can perform WRMEs once you complete training and are placed on the division's list of authorized IME/WRME providers.

The easiest way you can complete the training is by reviewing the Training Guide to Performing IMEs found at wcd.oregon.gov/medical/Pages/authorized-provider.aspx.

After you complete the training, pass the online quiz and fill out an application. You may choose the exams you will perform: WRMEs, IMEs, or both. WCD will inform you when you have been added to the list of authorized providers.

Questions?

Contact the Workers' Compensation Division:

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