Designated Doctor and MMI/IR Fees Training

Handout of Definitions, Acronyms, and Billing Cheat Sheets

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Acronyms

- AMA American Medical Association
- AMA Guides AMA Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment, 4th Edition
- DD Designated doctor
- DRE Diagnosis related estimate
- DWC Division of Workers' Compensation
- EOI Extent of injury
- HCP Health care provider
- IR Impairment rating
- MAR Maximum allowable reimbursement

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Acronyms

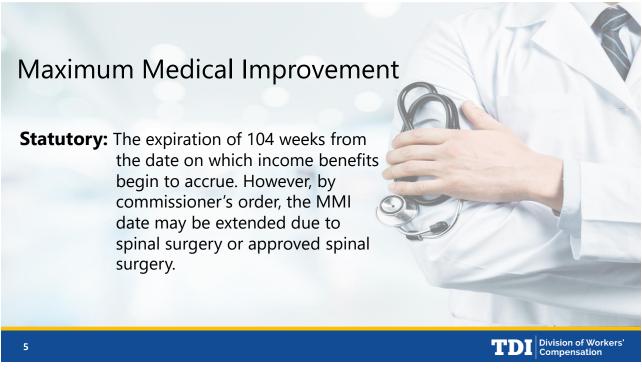
- MEI Medicare Economic Index
- MMI Maximum medical improvement
- MSK Musculoskeletal
- RD Referred doctor
- RME Required medical exam
- ROM Range of motion
- RTW Return to work
- Sec. Sections
- TAC Texas Administrative Code (Rules)
- TD Treating doctor

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Impairment Rating

IR is a percentage that:

- Reflects the extent of permanent anatomic or functional abnormality or loss resulting from a compensable injury as of the date of MMI.
- Is shown as a percentage of permanent impairment to the whole body.
- Is based on the rating criteria contained in the AMA Guides, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th printing.

Only authorized doctors may assign an IR.

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June 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024 DD MMI, IR, and Other Similar Exams DD Billing Instructions (28 TAC Sec. 134.240)

DD Type of Exam/Service	CPT Code	Modifier	2024 Reimbursement (MAR)
Not at MMI exam	99456	NM	\$449
At MMI exam	99456	W5	\$449
IR exam first MSK body area	99456	W5	\$385
IR exam additional MSK body area (max of 3)	99456	W5	\$192
IR exam each non-MSK body area	99456	W5	\$192
Multiple IRs (each additional IR)	99456	W5 MI	\$64
Specialty exam fee (DD only)	99456	25	\$300
EOI exam	99456	W6	\$642
Disability exam	99456	W7	\$642
RTW exam	99456	W8	\$642
Other similar issues exam	99456	W9	\$642
Missed appointment (DD only)	99546	52	\$100

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June 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024 RME MMI, IR, and Other Similar Exams RME Billing Instructions (28 TAC Sec. 134.235)

RME Type of Exam/Service	CPT Code	Modifier	2024 Reimbursement (MAR)
Not at MMI exam	99456	NM	\$449
At MMI exam	99456	n/a	\$449
IR exam first MSK area	99456	n/a	\$385
IR exam each additional MSK body area (max of 3)	99456	n/a	\$192
IR each non-MSK area exam	99456	n/a	\$192
EOI exam	99456	n/a	\$642
Disability exam	99456	n/a	\$642
RTW exam	99456	n/a	\$642
Other similar issues exam	99456	n/a	\$642
Appropriateness of health care (RME only)	99456	n/a	\$642

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June 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024 TD MMI and IR Exams TD Billing Instructions (28 TAC Sec. 134.250)

TD Type of Exam/Service	CPT Code	Modifier	2024 Reimbursement (MAR)
Not at MMI exam	99455	V3, V4, or V5	134.203
At MMI exam	99455	V3, V4, or V5	134.203
IR exam first MSK body area	99455	n/a	\$385
IR each additional MSK body area (max of 3)	99455	n/a	\$192
IR each non-MSK body area	99455	n/a	\$192
Review of MMI and IR by another doctor (TD only)	99455	VR	\$64

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June 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024 RD MMI and IR Exams RD Billing Instructions (28 TAC Sec. 134.260)

RD Type of Exam/Service	CPT Code	Modifier	2024 Reimbursement (MAR)
Not at MMI exam	99456	NM	\$449
At MMI exam	99456	n/a	\$449
IR exam first MSK body area	99456	n/a	\$385
IR exam additional MSK body area (max of 3)	99456	n/a	\$192
IR exam each non-MSK body area	99456	n/a	\$192

