

Instructions for Independent Medical Review Application Form

Instructions for MPN Contact: At the time of the selection of the physician for a third opinion, you are required to notify the covered employee about the Independent Medical Review process and provide the covered employee with this “Independent Medical Review Application” form. You are required to fill out the “MPN Contact section” of the form. You must then send the form to the employee, who will fill out the top section of the form and send it to the Division of Workers’ Compensation. The DWC will send you written notification of the name and contact information of the Independent Medical Reviewer. You must then send the employee’s relevant medical records as defined by section 9768.1(a)(11) to the Independent Medical Reviewer. A copy of the medical reports must also be sent to the employee.

Instructions for Injured Employee: This application is being sent to you because you have requested a third opinion to address your dispute with your treating doctor’s diagnosis, suggested test, or suggested medical treatment. **Please wait until you read the report from the third opinion doctor before you fill out this form.** If the report resolves your dispute, then you do not need to fill out this form. If you still have a dispute with your treating doctor, then you may request an Independent Medical Review by completing this form and sending it to:

Dept. of Industrial Relations
Division of Workers’ Compensation
P.O. Box 71010
Oakland, CA 94612.

An Independent Medical Review is done by a physician who does not work directly with your doctor. You can visit that doctor and be examined or you can choose to have the doctor review your records. Indicate on the form whether you want to be examined (in-person examination) or if you only want to have your records reviewed.

The specialty of the doctor will be the same as the specialty of your treating physician, if possible. Not all types of doctors can be an Independent Medical Reviewer. You may select another type of doctor in case your doctor’s specialty is not available. To do this, look at the list of specialists below and chose one type. Indicate this choice on the application. You will receive the name and contact information of the Independent Medical Reviewer from the Division of Workers’ Compensation. When you receive the name of the Independent Medical Reviewer, you must make an appointment within 60 days. The Independent Medical Reviewer is required to schedule an appointment with you within 30 days. If you fail to make the appointment with the Independent Medical Reviewer within 60 days, you will not be allowed to have an Independent Medical Review on this dispute. **Written notice must be made to the Administrative Director and MPN Contact if you wish to withdraw the request for an Independent Medical Review after this form has been submitted.**

SPECIALTY CODES

MAI Allergy and Immunology	MAA Anesthesiology
MRS Colon & Rectal Surgery	MDE Dermatology
MEM Emergency Medicine	MFP Family Practice
MPM General Preventive Medicine	MHD Hand – Orthopaedic Surgery, Plastic Surgery, General Surgery
MMM Internal Medicine	MMV Internal Medicine – Cardiovascular Disease
MME Internal Medicine – Endocrinology Diabetes and Metabolism	MMG Internal Medicine - Gastroenterology
MMH Internal Medicine – Hematology	MMI Internal Medicine – Infectious Disease
MMO Internal Medicine – Medical Oncology	MMN Internal Medicine - Nephrology
MMP Internal Medicine – Pulmonary Disease	MMR Internal Medicine – Rheumatology
MPN Neurology	MNS Neurological Surgery
MNM Nuclear Medicine	MOG Obstetrics and Gynecology
MPO Occupational Medicine	MOP Ophthalmology
MOS Orthopaedic Surgery	MTO Otolaryngology
MAP Pain Management –Psychiatry and Neurology, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Anesthesiology	MHA Pathology
MEP Pediatrics	MPR Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation
MPS Plastic Surgery	MPD Psychiatry
MRD Radiology	MSY Surgery
MSG Surgery – General Vascular	MTS Thoracic Surgery
MTX Toxicology – Preventive Medicine, Pediatrics, Emergency	MUU Urology
POD Podiatry	