

Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation
Draft Revised Fee Schedule for Designated Doctor Exams, Required Medical Exams, and
Maximum Medical Improvement and Impairment Rating Exams
Second Informal Proposal of Updates to 28 Texas Administrative Code Chapters 133 and 134
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Designated Doctor Exams

Proposed rule reference	Issue	Current amount	Proposed amount
§134.240(d)(2)	Maximum medical improvement	\$ 350.00	\$ 437.50
§134.240(d)(3)(A)(ii)(I)	Impairment rating (IR) - first musculoskeletal area	\$ 300.00	\$ 360.00 *
§134.240(d)(3)(A)(ii)(II)	IR - additional musculoskeletal areas	\$ 150.00	\$ 180.00
§134.240(d)(3)(B)(iii)(II)	IR - each non-musculoskeletal area	\$ 150.00	\$ 180.00
§134.240(d)(3)(D)	IR - additional IR	\$ 50.00	\$ 60.00
§134.240(d)(4)	Extent of injury	\$ 500.00	\$ 660.00
§134.240(d)(5)	Disability	\$ 500.00	\$ 565.00
§134.240(d)(6)	Return to work	\$ 500.00	\$ 565.00
§134.240(d)(7)	Other similar issues	\$ 500.00	\$ 565.00
§134.240(b)	Missed appointment		\$ 150.00
§134.240(g)(3)	Specialist fee		\$ 300.00

Required Medical Exams

Proposed rule reference	Issue	Current amount	Proposed amount
§134.235(c)(3)	Maximum medical improvement	\$ 350.00	\$ 437.50
§134.235(c)(4)(A)(ii)(I)	Impairment rating (IR) - first musculoskeletal area	\$ 300.00	\$ 360.00 *
§134.235(c)(4)(A)(ii)(II)	IR - additional musculoskeletal areas	\$ 150.00	\$ 180.00
§134.235(c)(4)(B)(iii)	IR - each non-musculoskeletal area	\$ 150.00	\$ 180.00
§134.235(d)(1)	Extent of injury	\$ 500.00	\$ 660.00
§134.235(d)(2)	Disability	\$ 500.00	\$ 565.00
§134.235(d)(3)	Return to work	\$ 500.00	\$ 565.00
§134.235(d)(4)	Other similar issues	\$ 500.00	\$ 565.00
§134.235(d)(5)	Appropriateness of medical care	\$ 500.00	\$ 565.00

Referral Doctor MMI and IR Exams

Proposed rule reference	Issue	Current amount	Proposed amount
§134.260(c)(2)	Maximum medical improvement	\$ 350.00	\$ 437.50
§134.260(c)(3)(A)(ii)(I)	Impairment rating (IR) - first musculoskeletal area	\$ 300.00	\$ 360.00 *
§134.260(c)(3)(A)(ii)(II)	IR - additional musculoskeletal areas	\$ 150.00	\$ 180.00
§134.260(c)(3)(B)(iii)	IR - each non-musculoskeletal area	\$ 150.00	\$ 180.00

Treating Doctor MMI and IR Exam

Proposed rule reference	Issue	Current amount	Proposed amount
§134.250(c)(1)(B)	Maximum medical improvement	No Change	
§134.250(c)(2)(A)(ii)(I)	Impairment rating (IR) - first musculoskeletal area	\$ 300.00	\$ 360.00 *
§134.250(c)(2)(A)(ii)(II)	IR - additional musculoskeletal areas	\$ 150.00	\$ 180.00
§134.250(c)(2)(B)(iii)	IR - each non-musculoskeletal area	\$ 150.00	\$ 180.00
§134.250(e)	IR - review of referral doctor IR	\$ 50.00	\$ 60.00

* Current DWC rules allow a certifying doctor to bill for the first musculoskeletal area at \$150 if the DRE (diagnosis-related estimate) method is used, or \$300 if the range of motion method is used to determine IR. DWC is proposing to eliminate the two different billing methods and set the rate for the first musculoskeletal area at \$360, regardless of which method is used.