

Independent Medical Examination (IME) Billing Tips

The department of Labor & Industries [establishes fee schedules](#).

- Insurers [must reimburse per fee schedule](#).
- Fee schedules are published in July each year.
- Use the fee schedule appropriate for the date of service.
- See Payment Policies [Chapter 13: Independent Medical Exams \(IME\)](#) for codes and descriptions used for billing IME services.

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Only doctors with an IME provider account number can bill IME codes. Go here to [Find a Medical Examiner](#).

Billing Tips for Specific Codes

- [1124M](#) 'By Report' (BR):
 - Although preauthorization is required, at times payment should still be made.
Example: The worker is hostile and security services are needed.
 - Additional record review or examination time is not an appropriate justification for billing 1124M.
 - Addendums should be billed using the designated code of 1104M **not** 1124M.
- [1129M](#), extensive file review by examiner: reimbursement is based on the size of the file and not the amount of time the examiner takes to review it.
- [1132M](#), document printing of electronic medical records per page:
 - Only the Self-Insurance Accident Report (SIF-2), Providers Initial Report (PIR), and medical records are required for an IME.
 - Vocational or other documents may be provided if selected for review by the claim manager.