IME Roundtable

September 8, 2022

Announcements - Kristen Baldwin-Boe

Zoom Meeting Reminders:

- Mute when not speaking to limit background noise and echo

- Raise hand or use chat feature

- Opt out of video if having connection issues

Back to School Safety Tips

– Melissa Dunbar

- Watch for Back to school Traffic
  - Children walking/biking to and from school
  - Buses picking up and dropping off
- Glare from the sun in the morning and afternoon
- Wear something reflective when walking in the early morning or evenings

Introductions – Karen Jost

New Staff:

- PQC Manager
- Assistant Medical Director

IME Program Updates

IME Quality

Tanya Weber, BSN, RN

IME Occupational Nurse Consultant

Transition & Future Planning

Tanya has assumed responsibility for IME feedback work.

Combining this work will enhance our ability to improve quality of IMEs for injured workers and boost examiner satisfaction with the important work they do.

Future planning includes:

➢ Analyzing data currently being collected for effectiveness in producing meaningful quality outcomes

➢ Collecting data not currently captured to identify trends and improve outcomes related to critical issues

➢ Analyzing current practice and process in order to advance productive communication with and feedback for examiners and firms

Questions?

2022 Medical Examiners' Handbook Updates – Kristen Baldwin-Boe

- Review July 2022 updates found inside the cover of the new MEH.
- Added new WACs
- Clarifications / Edits

Questions?

Claims Department – Nancy Adams

- *Updates*

- *New IME Data Report Soon*

- *Who Can Attend the IME*
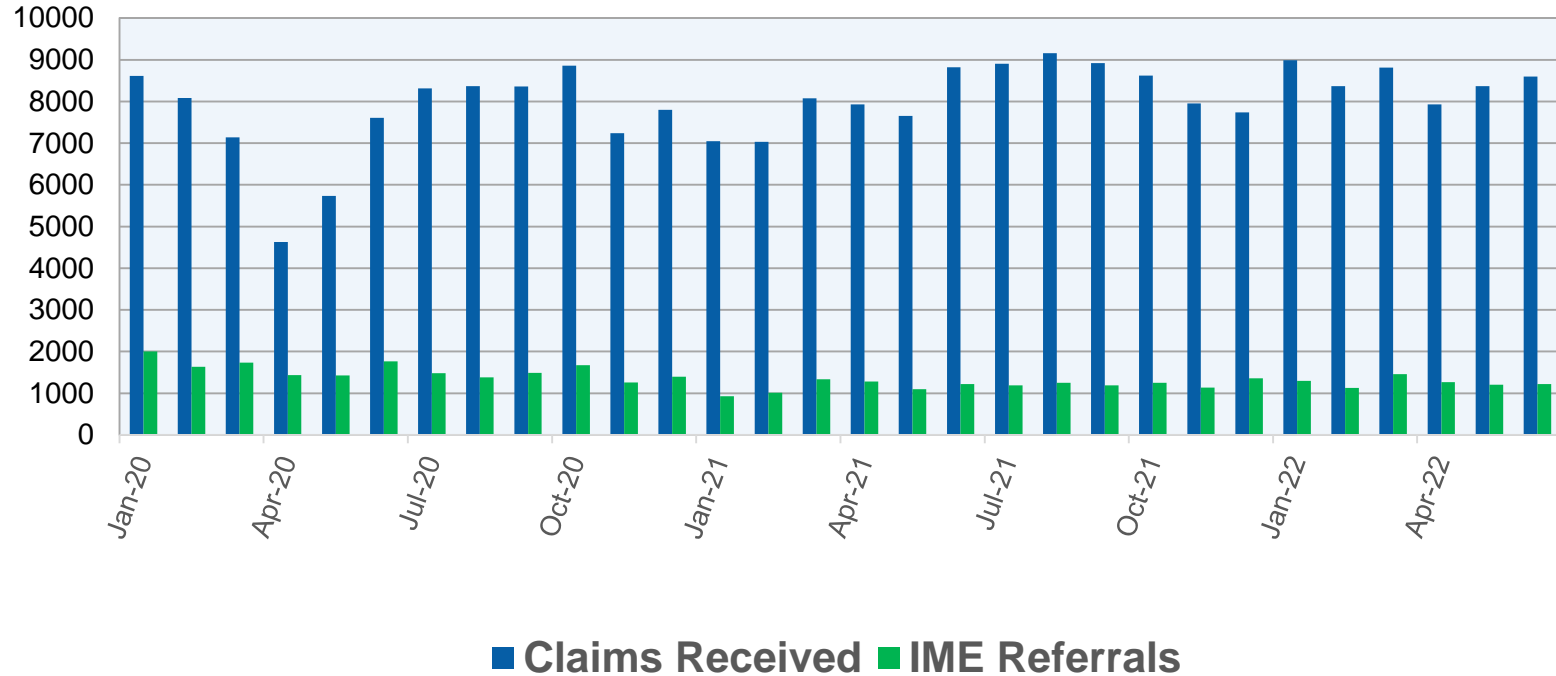
- *Questions received from Outside Parties*

Questions?

Scheduling Unit – Stuart Bammert

- *Scheduling Trends*

New Claims and IME Referrals
July 2019 - June 2022

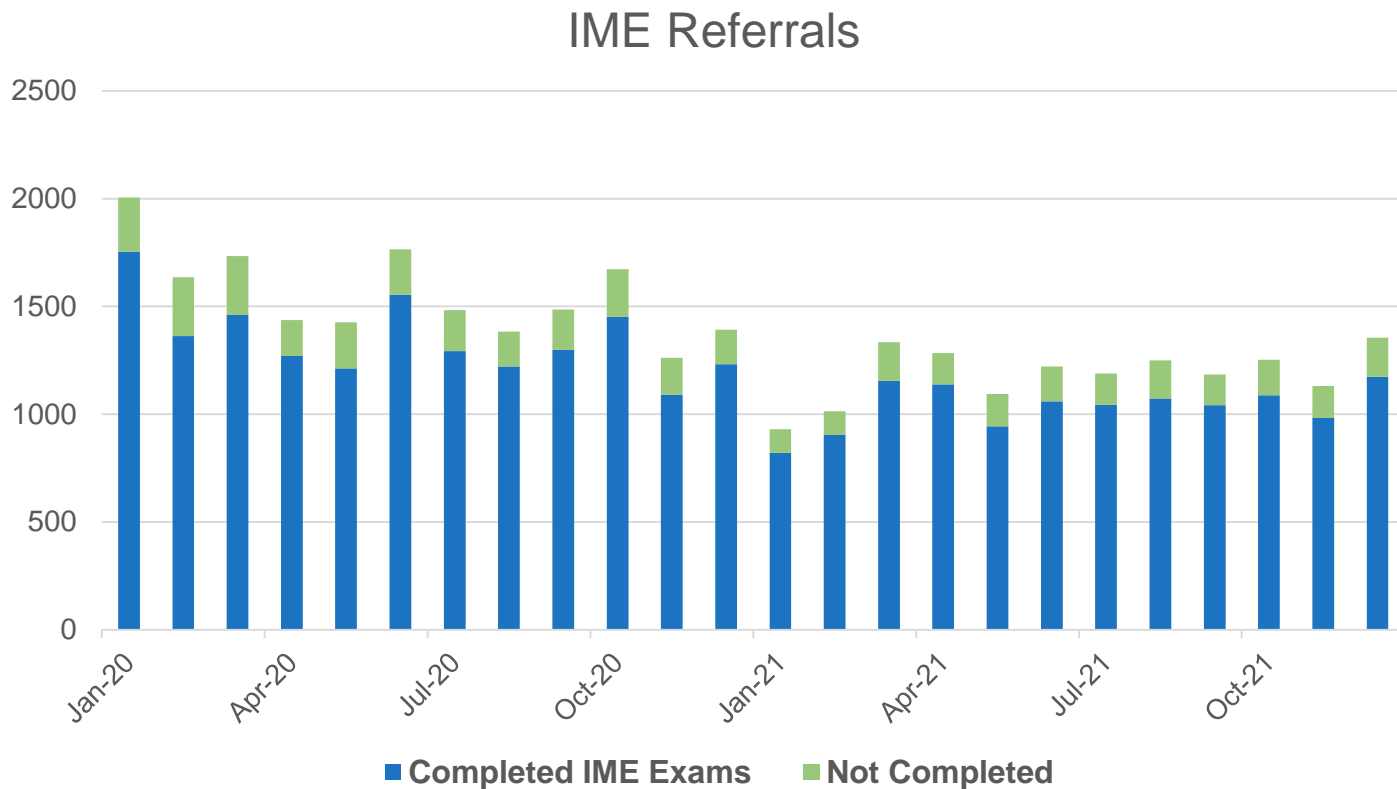Legend: Claims Received (blue), IME Referrals (green)

New Claims and IME referrals

- The claim totals are based on claim filing dates

- The referrals totals are based on the date a referral is submitted for scheduling

	Claims Received	IME Referrals
Jan-20	8609	2006
Feb-20	8081	1636
Mar-20	7135	1733
Apr-20	4630	1437
May-20	5731	1427
Jun-20	7605	1765
Jul-20	8312	1483
Aug-20	8368	1383
Sep-20	8360	1486
Oct-20	8858	1673
Nov-20	7235	1261
Dec-20	7795	1392
Jan-21	7048	930
Feb-21	7031	1013
Mar-21	8079	1334
Apr-21	7929	1284
May-21	7655	1094
Jun-21	8819	1221
Jul-21	8902	1189
Aug-21	9159	1249
Sep-21	8923	1185
Oct-21	8622	1253
Nov-21	7950	1131
Dec-21	7736	1355
Jan-22	8992	1295
Feb-22	8364	1126
Mar-22	8816	1457
Apr-22	7929	1263
May-22	8367	1201
Jun-22	8598	1220

Scheduling Unit

IME Referrals — stacked bar chart showing Completed IME Exams (blue) and Not Completed (green) from Jan-20 through late 2021.

IME Referral Data
CY 2020-2021

- This data is based on the IME referrals submitted for scheduling each month

- The completion totals are based on IME bills received

Date	Referrals	Completed IME Exams	Not Completed	Percentage
Jan-20	2006	1754	252	13%
Feb-20	1636	1363	273	17%
Mar-20	1733	1460	273	16%
Apr-20	1437	1270	167	12%
May-20	1427	1212	215	15%
Jun-20	1765	1554	211	12%
Jul-20	1483	1293	190	13%
Aug-20	1383	1221	162	12%
Sep-20	1486	1298	188	13%
Oct-20	1673	1452	221	13%
Nov-20	1261	1090	171	14%
Dec-20	1392	1232	160	11%
Jan-21	930	820	110	12%
Feb-21	1013	903	110	11%
Mar-21	1334	1154	180	13%
Apr-21	1284	1138	146	11%
May-21	1094	943	151	14%
Jun-21	1221	1060	161	13%
Jul-21	1189	1043	146	12%
Aug-21	1249	1073	176	14%
Sep-21	1185	1042	143	12%
Oct-21	1253	1088	165	13%
Nov-21	1131	983	148	13%
Dec-21	1355	1174	181	13%

Questions?

Self Insurance – Kelli Zimmerman

2022 Occupational Health Best Practices Colloquium

- The Department of Labor & Industries and the Washington Self-Insurers Association are hosting an Occupational Health Best Practices Colloquium virtual webinar for self-insured employers, claims administrators, and healthcare and vocational services providers.

  - **Tuesday, November 15, 2022   8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**
  - **Long Haul COVID**

- *Questions*

Questions?

IME Coalition Topics – Carolyn Logue

Sharing & Discussion:

* Policies that Increase the Cost of Doing Business
* Time Based Component of IME

Around the Table Discussion

- Hot Topics

- Questions and Comments

- Future Topic Suggestions

- Next Meeting – *January 12, 2023*