

Instructions for Completing the IME Examiner's Summary Sheet

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IME EXAMINER'S SUMMARY SHEET

**“Check Box”
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1. Claimant Name _____ WC# _____ Date of Injury _____

2. IME Physician _____ Appt. Date _____

Report Due Date _____

3. MMI Information

Yes, the claimant reached MMI as of _____ (Date)

No, the Claimant is not at MMI

4. Previous Physician's Rating _____

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1. **Claimant Name** _____ **WC#** _____ **Date of Injury** _____

2. **DIME Physician** _____ **Appointment Date** _____

Report Due Date _____

3. **MMI Information**

_____ Yes, the claimant reached MMI on _____
Date

_____ No, the claimant is not at MMI

4. **Previous Physician's Rating** _____

5. **DIME Physician's Rating (Use all appropriate spaces)**

Unapportioned Extremity Ratings:

Right upper extremity _____ %

Left upper extremity _____ %

Converted to whole person _____ WP

Converted to whole person _____ WP

Combined upper right & left extremity _____ % in WP

Right lower extremity _____ %

Left lower extremity _____ %

Converted to whole person _____ WP

Converted to whole person _____ WP

Combined lower right & left extremity _____ % in WP

Unapportioned Whole Person Ratings:

_____ % WP extremity

_____ % WP psychological

_____ % WP other physical (digestive, visual, etc.)

_____ % WP additional physical (spinal)

Final/combined _____ % in WP (**UNAPPORTIONED**)

6. **Apportionment Information-REVIEW THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE BACK OF THIS FORM. REMEMBER TO DISCUSS YOUR APPORTIONMENT IN YOUR NARRATIVE REPORT.**

_____ **No**, Apportionment is not applicable
(skip to #7)

_____ **Yes**, Apportionment is applicable
CHECK whether the prior impairment is:
 Work-related Non-work-related

IME Physician's Final Rating After Apportionment:

Right upper extremity _____ % UE _____ % WP

Left upper extremity _____ % UE _____ % WP

Right lower extremity _____ % LE _____ % WP

Left lower extremity _____ % LE _____ % WP

_____ % WP extremity

_____ % WP psychological

_____ % WP other physical (digestive, visual, etc.)

_____ % WP additional physical (spinal)

Final/combined _____ % in WP (**APPORTIONED**)

7. **Signature** _____ **Date** _____

REMEMBER TO ADDRESS ALL ISSUES ON THE APPLICATION FOR DIVISION IME FORM.

This form, your narrative report, and applicable worksheets must be completed for every IME and the original sent to the Division with copies to both parties (or their attorneys) within 20 calendar days from the appointment date.

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As a DIME physician, you are being asked to provide a medical opinion on impairment, which may include apportionment. This summary sheet allows you to provide relevant medical information that may be used by the parties to pursue the claim.

When the current date of injury is prior to July 1, 2008, the physician shall apportion any preexisting work-related or non-work-related medical impairment from a current work-related injury or occupational disease, where medical records or other objective evidence substantiate a preexisting impairment to the same body part. (See Rule 12-3(A)) If there is insufficient information to measure the change accurately, the physician shall not apportion.

When the current injury occurred on or after July 1, 2008:

If the prior injury is work-related: Apportion when sufficient records are available that reflect the patient’s prior impairment to the same body part(s) or for the same condition.

- ❖ If the records reflect the prior impairment rating as a percentage, deduct the prior assigned percentage from the current rating. If a specific prior percentage is not available, assess the prior injury or condition for an impairment rating and deduct it from the current rating.
- ❖ If there is insufficient information to identify or determine the prior impairment, do not apportion.
- ❖ Due to the July 1, 2008 change in the law, the final impairment rating that is used by the parties to conclude the workers’ compensation case may be different from your findings. This does not imply that your findings were incorrect.

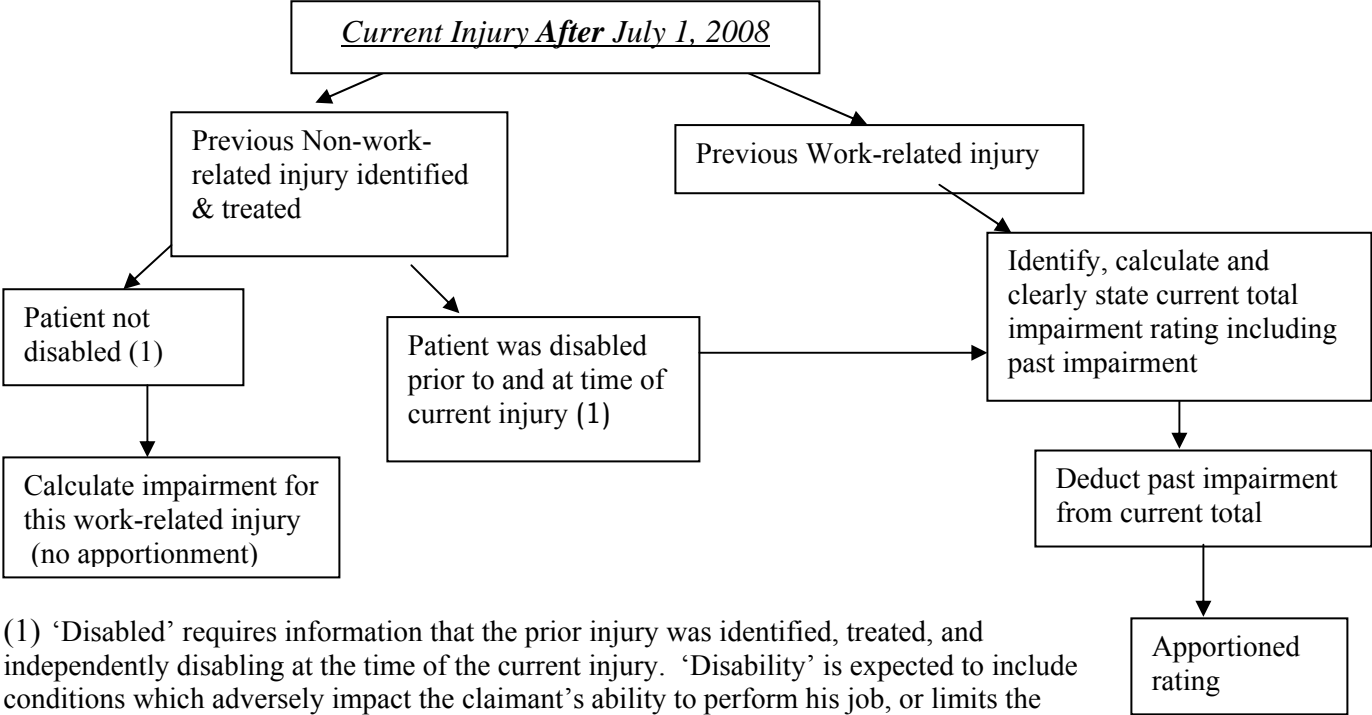
If the prior injury is non work-related, all three of the following must apply in order to apportion:

- (1) Sufficient medical information is available which establishes that a prior injury to the same body part has been *identified and treated*;
- (2) The prior injury meets the criteria for a permanent impairment;
- (3) That prior impairment was *independently disabling* at the time of the current injury.

FURTHER, if there is insufficient information to identify or determine the prior impairment, do not apportion.

See Rule 12-3(B) for details.

****REMEMBER TO DISCUSS THE BASIS OF YOUR APPORTIONMENT IN YOUR NARRATIVE REPORT. ****



(1) ‘Disabled’ requires information that the prior injury was identified, treated, and independently disabling at the time of the current injury. ‘Disability’ is expected to include conditions which adversely impact the claimant’s ability to perform his job, or limits the claimant’s access to other jobs. Permanent work restrictions would generally fall in this category.