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Rolling Out the Electronic Record at the IC

Our Plan

We would like to thank those of you who participated in our pilot for accessing medical records electronically for PTD examinations. This took place at our Columbus office over the past year. Over the next twelve months, we plan to implement this statewide. We regard this as another opportunity for improvement in quality and efficiency.



To prepare the agency and examining specialists for this transition, we are now planning to initiate a third phase of this pilot project. During this phase, we will be studying effective utilization of the electronic medical record by specialists for each in-house district office.

By January 31, 2011, Dayton, Cincinnati, Toledo, Cleveland and Youngstown will each have a PC installed and available in an examination room. Once the district rollout and training is complete, hard copies of specialist packets will no longer be provided. Examiners will continue to receive a paper copy of the Referral Letter, work capacities form, IC provider fee bill, Statement of Facts, Medical Examination Worksheet and Docket schedule.

The medical information pertinent to the examination (i.e., the specialist packet) will be available online. You will be able to view this information from your office or home, from the time the examination is scheduled, until the time the report is processed. You will also be able to use your own laptop in the examination room or IC district office if you prefer.

We understand transitions such as these can be difficult and require a learning period. We also are aware that some examiners are already adept at performing electronic reviews from experience at other agencies. It has been our experience that most reviewers eventually find the electronic record more expedient and efficient. Your efforts during the next phase of implementation and your thoughtful input are appreciated.

The Next Step

After implementation is complete in the district offices for in-house examinations, we plan to roll it out statewide, for all examinations.

In the Future

Our eventual goal is to enable electronic report submission.

Rollout

District	Rollout Date
Dayton	February
Cincinnati	March
Toledo	April
Cleveland	May
Youngstown	June

Money Matters!

Who doesn't want to be paid on time? The sign "Payment Due at the Time of Service" reflects an age-old expectation.

To assure timely payment for your work as an examiner for the Industrial Commission, please be sure to include the IC Provider Fee Bill with your report.

The Provider Fee Bill will be included in your packet. It will indicate the

correct fee for the examination. Simply carry the total to the bottom line, sign it, date it and include it with your report.

Please do not forward the Provider Fee Bill to your billing department, without first including a copy with you report.

Visit ohioic.com and check out pages 23 and 24 of the IC Medical Examination Manual for a detailed review of the billing process.

Did you Know?

Packets of medical information are mailed to IC specialist examiners at least fourteen days prior to the examination. So... if you are aware of a scheduled examination, and have not received your packet by seven days before the schedule date, please call. Otherwise, you might be looking for a very large fax on the day of the examination!

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1. Which of the following documents will no longer be printed as the Industrial Commission PTD IME process moves toward a paperless environment?
 - a. Referral letter
 - b. Specialist packet of medical information
 - c. Work capacities form
 - d. Provider fee bill
 - e. Statement of facts
 - f. Medical Examination Worksheet
 - g. Docket schedule
2. The current phase of implementation of the paperless medical record includes:
 - a. The Columbus office only.
 - b. The Columbus district only.
 - c. Statewide for all in-house examinations.
 - d. a. and b.
 - e. None of the above.
3. Information about the Industrial Commission billing process can be found:
 - a. At ohioic.com.
 - b. At ohio.gov.
 - c. In the Industrial Commission Medical Examination Manual
 - d. At ohioiwc.com.
 - e. a. and c.
 - f. b. and d.
4. Electronic medical information pertinent to your examination will be available to you:
 - a. Starting from the time the examination is scheduled.
 - b. Ending after your report is processed by the IC.
 - c. From your office or home computer.
 - d. On your laptop in the examination room.
 - e. All of the above.

(Answers: 1. b.; 2. c.; 3. e.; 4. E.)