

WAC 246-808-XXX Intent

In order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of this state, the commission finds it necessary to regulate performance of personal injury protection insurance evaluations by chiropractors pursuant to WAC 284-30-395. The commission finds that uniform standards for the performance of personal injury protection insurance evaluations by chiropractors are necessary to fairly evaluate and promote the delivery of quality chiropractic care received in this state. This rule shall not apply to examinations completed under the authority of Title 51 RCW (Industrial Insurance).

WAC 246-808-XXX Definitions

Examiner: A chiropractor licensed in the state of Washington who consults with an insurer pursuant to WAC 284-30-395(3).

Examinee: An insured person who is subject to evaluation by an examiner pursuant to WAC 284-30-395(3).

WAC 246-808-XXX Chiropractic Examiner Evaluation

A chiropractor who consults with an insurer pursuant to WAC 284-30-395(3) shall comply with the following:

- (1) Review thoroughly and rely on all records provided to the examiner;
- (2) List in the resulting report all records provided to the examiner;
- (3) Create a report that includes the rationale for any recommendations;
- (4) Make reasonable inquiry as to the completeness of records pertaining to the evaluation being conducted;
- (5) If the examiner knows or should know additional records may be available, the examiner shall request the relevant records from the examinee or healthcare provider and document the request. Examples of such records may include but are not limited to radiographs, magnetic resonance imaging, physical therapy notes, or imaging reports;
- (6) Retain the examinee's records and the resulting report for six years from the date of the last report issued by the examiner;
- (7) If the examiner conducts a physical examination of the examinee, the examiner shall comply with WAC 246-808-560; and
- (8) Provide a copy of all records to the examinee within 15 working days of written request.

Chiropractor examiners are subject to all standards identified in chapter 246-808 WAC.