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QME UPDATE 2021 - SECRETS TO YOUR SUCCESS

New Medical Legal Fee Schedule

Passage of Senate Bill 788

Lindh Kite & Others

May 2021

Ongoing

Apr. 2021

June 2021

Case Law Updates

New Proposed Changes to QME Regs.

Report Quality Committee Findings



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Topics include:

The Sine Qua Non of the "High Quality" QME Report - A Report of Findings from the Report Quality Committee

Cumulative Trauma & The QME - Here are the Facts

Update on the QME Regulations - The PURPOSE for ALL the Changes

Bias, Stereotyping, and Discrimination - How to Make your Opinions and Conclusions More ACCURATE

AOE/COE (Industrial Causation) - Important Considerations in the Denied Post Employment Claim

The QME's Clinical Rounds - Master the Permanent Impairment Evaluation of the Most Common Industrial Injuries

QME UPDATE 2021 - YOUR SECRETS TO SUCCESS

- Session 1 The *Sine Qua Non* of the High Quality and Persuasive QME Report
- Sine Qua Non - an essential condition; a thing that is absolutely necessary..... The phrase sine qua non is Latin for “**without which not.**” When something is described as sine qua non, it is a necessary or indispensable requirement. The phrase represents an essential element, component, or condition of something else....synonyms..... **necessity, requirement, requisite, essential condition, essential, must, need, prerequisite, necessary, condition and precondition**
- The 2019 State Auditor’s Report -



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- The Sine Qua Non of the High Quality and Persuasive QME Report
- 80/20 Rule of Report “Hacks”
 - Hack #1 - Determine The Disputed Issue -LC4060,4061, 4062
 - Hack #2 - The Report Quality Checksheet - What’s Really Required?
 - Hack #3 - CCR 35.5 - Answer the Questions

The Sin Qua Non of the High Quality and Persuasive QME Report

Determine The Disputed Issue – LC4060,4061, 4062

- QME Forms 105/106
- **LC 4060** – The Compensability Evaluation - (a) This section shall apply to disputes over the compensability of any injury. This section shall not apply where injury to any part or parts of the body is accepted as compensable by the employer.
- **LC 4061** – Permanent & Stationary, Permanent or Temporary Disability, Need for Future Medical Care
- **LC 4062** – All other issues (i.e. Apportionment) - (a) If either the employee or employer objects to a medical determination made by the treating physician concerning any medical issues not covered by Section 4060 or 4061

The Sin Qua Non of the High Quality and Persuasive QME Report

The Report Quality Checklist - What's Really Required?





The Sin Qua Non of the High Quality and Persuasive QME Report

- CCR 35.5. Compliance by AMEs and QMEs with Administrative Director Evaluation and Reporting Guidelines.
- 35.5 – (c)(1) The evaluator shall address all contested medical issues arising from all injuries reported on one or more claim forms prior to the date of the employee's appointment with the medical evaluator that are issues within the evaluator's scope of practice and areas of clinical competence. The reporting evaluator shall attempt to address each question raised by each party in the issue Cover Letter sent to the evaluator as provided in subdivision 35(a)(3).

The Sin Qua Non of the High Quality and Persuasive QME Report

- **CCR 41 (c) (5)** Present a report that addresses all relevant and contested medical issues as presented on one or more claim forms, is ratable by the DEU, if applicable, and complies with all relevant guidelines of the Administrative Director.

The Sine Qua Non of the High Quality QME Report

- 80/20 Rule of Report “Hacks”
 - Hack #1 - Write Report Consistent with the Issue in Dispute - LC4060,4061, 4062
 - Hack #2 - Adhere to the requirements of “The Report Quality Checklist”
 - Hack #3 - Answer the Questions - in the language that they were asked.
 - Voila’ - A Report that is time efficient, accurate, and that resolves disputed issues the first time through.