Are you interested in becoming a DIME Physician?

Physician Education and Support (PES)

- The Division offers a service to all DIME Panel members to make the DIME process easier for the physicians and their staff.

- DIME physicians have a personal PES representative who will provide a smooth transition into the DIME Panel. Your PES representative will assist you and your staff to answer any administrative questions about DIME cases.

- The program also offers a Medical Reviewer to assist with any medical or impairment related questions.

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To view the complete Rule 11, please visit: colorado.gov/pacific/cdle/division-independent-medical-exam-dime
**Why Become a DIME Physician?**

- Provide a valuable service to the citizens of Colorado by protecting the integrity of our workers’ compensation system.
- Reduce litigation costs for employers and injured workers.
- Elevate your status as a respected expert in the workers’ compensation community.
- Review a case from start to finish.
- DIME physicians get prepaid before the appointment gets made.
- Potential for new business!

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**What is the Division Independent Medical Exam (DIME) Program?**

- If a dispute concerning Maximum Medical Improvement (MMI) or impairment rating occurs in a workers’ compensation claim, any party may request a second opinion from a physician unassociated with the claim. The parties then have the opportunity to agree upon a physician to perform the exam. However, if the parties cannot agree on the physician and fee, the Division will select from a panel of DIME physicians.

- Following the exam, the DIME physician issues their report. The DIME physician’s opinion may only be overturned by clear and convincing evidence. The parties may not proceed to a hearing until the DIME physician issues the final report.

- The DIME Unit reviews the DIME physicians’ reports to ensure completeness and adherence to principles taught in the Level II accreditation curriculum and the AMA Guides, 3rd Ed. (Rev.)

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**DIME Examination Fees**

Based on date of injury to the filing of the DIME application and/or number of body regions:

- **Two years or less and/or less than three body regions**
  - $1,000

- **Over two years but less than five and/or three or four body regions**
  - $1,400

- **Over five years and/or five or more body regions**
  - $2,000

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**Requirements to Be a DIME Physician**

- Current, active, and unrestricted license by the appropriate Colorado licensing board.
- Certified/board eligible in an area of specialty.
- Perform 384 hours of direct patient care per year or perform at least 384 hours of direct patient care during the previous five years and demonstrate additional competency in disability evaluation through certification or equivalent continuing medical education courses.
- Level II accredited

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**Join the Panel!**

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