

Qualified Medical Evaluator (QME)

What are Qualified Medical Evaluations?

Qualified medical evaluators (QMEs) are qualified physicians who are certified by the Division of Workers' Compensation - Medical Unit to examine injured workers to evaluate disability and write medical-legal reports. The reports are used to determine an injured worker's eligibility for workers' compensation benefits. QMEs include medical doctors, doctors of osteopathy, doctors of chiropractic, dentists, optometrists, podiatrists, psychologists and acupuncturists.

What should I expect from my Qualified Medical Evaluation?

When your appointment is approved with your QME, you will receive an evaluation form either through email or standard mail. Although lengthy, these forms allow the physician better analyze the body parts affected by your injury, how your injury impacts activities of daily living, what treatment has helped in the past, level of pain induced depression, and severity of body parts affected.

What should I expect on the day of my Qualified Medical Evaluation?

On the day of your appointment, an assistant to the physician will make sure all proper documentation is filled prior to starting the evaluation.

During your appointment, the physician will begin by asking questions on how your injury occurred, how your symptoms have progressed, what treatment you have received from other physicians, and details of your medical history that may have contributed to the injury.

In addition to asking questions, the physician will perform a detailed physical examination to evaluate the severity of your condition.

Will I get a copy of the report?

Yes. The QME has 30 calendar days from the date of the commencement of the exam to mail a copy of the report.