

MEMORANDUM

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To: Management-Labor Advisory Committee

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Subject: Summary of testimony and information provided MLAC Subcommittee on Impairment Rating

The table below summarizes the input and discussion on the topic of impairment rating from 2008 to present.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Who</i>	<i>Subject of testimony</i>
Dec. 3, 2008 (MLAC full)	Workers' Compensation Division (WCD)	Brief committee discussion about use of AMA 6th Edition versus current methods to rate impairment. Committee requested follow up information. Link to minutes: http://egov.oregon.gov/DCBS/MLAC/docs/minutes/2008/12_3_08_full_min.pdf (discussion at page 5)
Jan. 16, 2009 (MLAC full)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WCD • Dr. Vern Saboe • SAIF Corp. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided a high level comparison of the AMA 3rd Edition to the AMA 6th Edition. Included handout (attached as handout #1) • General testimony in favor of changing to different rating methods • General information about impairment rating Link to minutes: http://egov.oregon.gov/DCBS/MLAC/docs/minutes/2009/1_16_09_full_min.pdf (discussion at page 3)
Sept. 18, 2009	Joint meeting MLAC and Medical Advisory Committee	Discussion and presentation from MAC subcommittee on use of the AMA 6th Edition compared to current methods to rate impairment. Dr. Rischitelli's presentation: http://www.cbs.state.or.us/wcd/rdrs/mac/amaguide6.pdf Link to minutes: http://egov.oregon.gov/DCBS/MLAC/docs/minutes/2009/09_18_09_Joint_MAC_MLAC_Min.pdf (discussion at page 3)

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Feb. 17, 2010 (MLAC full)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final report from Medical Advisory Committee • Dr. Vern Saboe 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MAC presented final report and options (attached as handout #2) • Testified in support of moving toward use of AMA 6th Edition <p>Link to minutes: http://egov.oregon.gov/DCBS/MLAC/docs/minutes/2010/full_mlac_minutes_2_17_10.pdf (discussion at page 2)</p>
April 21, 2010 (MLAC full)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Gary Rischitelli • SAIF Corp. • Dr. Vern Saboe 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed Medical Advisory Committee report and options • Chris Davie, Jackie Chester, and Geraldine Morod presented information about rating claims under the current Oregon system and using the AMA 6th Edition for federal claims. • Discussed the variations between current methods, AMA 5th Edition and AMA 6th Edition. <p>Link to minutes: http://egov.oregon.gov/DCBS/MLAC/docs/minutes/2010/4_21_10_full_mlac_min.pdf (discussion at page 1)</p>
June 23, 2010 (MLAC full)	American Medical Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AMA presented overview of their guides, focusing on AMA 6th Edition. <p>Link to presentation: http://www.oregon.gov/DCBS/MLAC/docs/support_docs/ama_guides.pdf</p> <p>Link to minutes: http://www.oregon.gov/DCBS/MLAC/docs/minutes/2010/06_23_10_full_mlac_min.pdf (discussion starts at page 4)</p>
Sept. 30, 2010 (MLAC full)		<p>Full committee recommended appointment of subcommittee to focus on impairment rating.</p> <p>Link to committee memo: http://www.oregon.gov/DCBS/MLAC/docs/impairment_docs/handout_3.pdf</p>
Oct. 15, 2010 (MLAC sub)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information Management Division (IMD) • WCD • Oregon Medical Association (OMA) • Subcommittee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information presentation. Link to presentation: http://www.oregon.gov/DCBS/MLAC/docs/support_docs/impairment_rating_sub.pdf • Summary of input to date. Link to handout: http://www.oregon.gov/DCBS/MLAC/docs/impairment_docs/handout_4.pdf • Offered assistance of OMA and American Medical Association • Work plan discussion <p>Link to minutes: http://www.oregon.gov/DCBS/MLAC/docs/minutes/2010/10_15_10_sub.pdf</p>

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Dec. 10, 2010 (MLAC sub)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WCD and IMD information • Subcommittee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congressional testimony (see numerous links on impairment subcommittee website http://www.oregon.gov/DCBS/MLAC/pages/impairment.aspx) • Information about other state impairment rating http://www.oregon.gov/DCBS/MLAC/docs/impairment_docs/handout_11.pdf • Work plan discussion <p>Link to minutes: http://www.oregon.gov/DCBS/MLAC/docs/minutes/2010/12_10_10_sub.pdf</p>
May 6, 2011 (MLAC sub)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. John DiPaola • Dr. Vern Saboe • Oregon Medical Association 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation and testimony about current impairment rating standards and other options Link to presentation: http://www.oregon.gov/DCBS/MLAC/docs/impairment_docs/handout_12.pdf • Discussed the variations between current methods, AMA 5th Edition and AMA 6th Edition. • Offered to bring examples of other states' usage of updated AMA editions. <p>Link to draft minutes: http://www.oregon.gov/DCBS/MLAC/docs/impairment_docs/impairment_rating_min_5_6_11.pdf</p>
August 24, 2011 (MLAC sub)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oregon Medical Association • Dr. Vern Saboe • Dr. Dan Miller • Keith Semple, OTLA • DCBS information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General input on use of updated guides • General input on use of updated standards: http://www.oregon.gov/DCBS/MLAC/docs/impairment_docs/oca_impair_testimony_8_24_2011.pdf • General input on use of updated standards • Submitted testimony from Chris Moore, Oregon Trial Lawyers Association http://www.oregon.gov/DCBS/MLAC/docs/impairment_docs/impair_rating_mlac_comments.pdf and provided input on impairment rating generally and reconsideration process. • Memo about possible next steps Link to document: http://www.oregon.gov/DCBS/MLAC/docs/impairment_docs/impair_rating_memo_8_24_11.pdf <p>Link to draft minutes: http://www.oregon.gov/DCBS/MLAC/docs/impairment_docs/impair_rating_min_8_24_11.pdf</p>

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Oct. 14, 2011 (MLAC full)		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Subcommittee report to full committee. Link to report: http://www.oregon.gov/DCBS/MLAC/docs/impairment_docs/10_03_11_sub_memo_to_full.pdf <p>Link to minutes: http://www.oregon.gov/DCBS/MLAC/docs/minutes/2011/10_14_full_min.pdf (discussion at page 3)</p>
June 28, 2013 (MLAC full)	DCBS information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overview presentation from Mike Manley http://www.oregon.gov/DCBS/MLAC/docs/support_docs/impair_mlac_sub_6_13.pdf