

# MEMORANDUM

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To: MLAC Subcommittee on Independent Medical Examinations

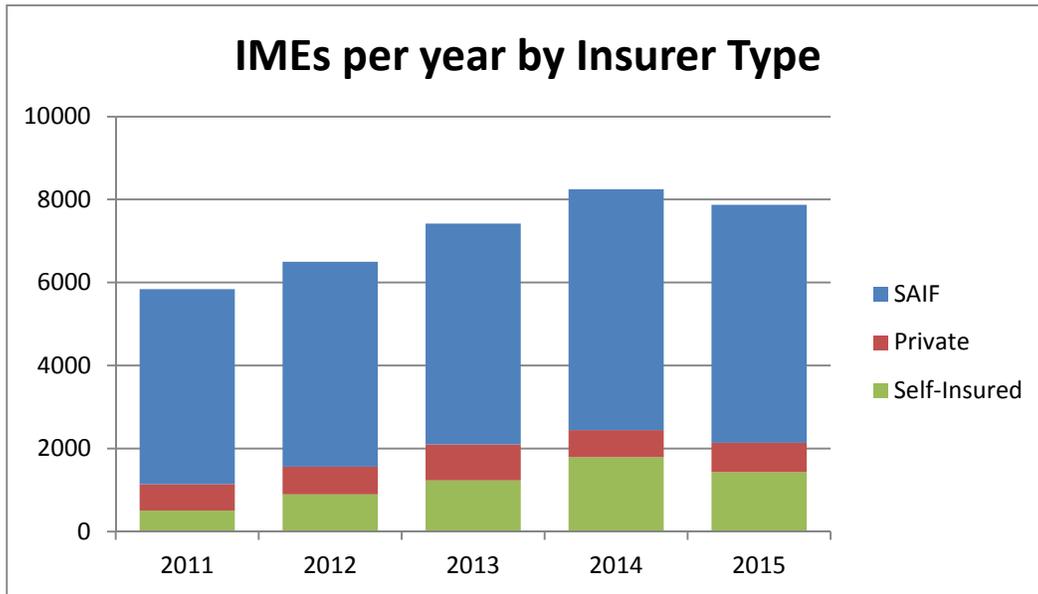
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Subject: IME data

The figures below are the department's estimate of the number of independent medical examinations conducted in each category, based on medical data submitted by required reporters. The counts are based on the date of service, so some 2015 IMEs may not yet be reported. If a worker attends more than one appointment within a 72 hour period, it is counted as one examination (per OAR 436-010-0265(1)(a)).

## Independent Medical Examinations by Insurer Type

	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>2014</i>	<i>2015</i>
<b>SAIF</b>	4707	4937	5318	5803	5737
<b>Private</b>	635	669	872	648	706
<b>Self-Insured</b>	500	895	1229	1794	1433
<b>Total</b>	5843	6502	7420	8245	7876



The subcommittee asked how many IMEs are conducted during the insurer’s initial 60-day claim determination period. The table below shows IMEs that occurred within 60 days of the employer knowledge date by insurer type. The data are for 2014; the proportions are about the same for other recent years.

**2014 Independent Medical Examinations  
 Exam Date Compared to Employer Knowledge Date**

	IMEs within 60 days	IMEs after 60 days	% of IMEs within 60 days
<b>SAIF</b>	2005	3798	35%
<b>Private</b>	87	561	13%
<b>Self-insured</b>	434	1359	24%