

Date: March 18, 2025
To: Management Labor Advisory Committee
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Re: **SB 606 – PTSD and acute stress disorder claims for Oregon State Hospital and SACU, 2020-2025 (SAIF is “neutral” on SB 606)**

As part of the discussion on SB 606, MLAC asked SAIF to provide numbers on PTSD and acute stress disorder claims filed in the last 5 years. Below is the data by agency.

Oregon State Hospital Mental Health Claims 1/1/20-2/28/25						
Total OSH PTSD Claims	Accepted	Denied	Deferred	Other (Voided/no treatment)	Struck-by Person	IMEs Conducted
17	4	12	1	0	11	15
Original	Accepted	Denied	Deferred	Other	Struck-by Person	IMEs Conducted
6	0	6	0	0	0	5
New-Omitted	Accepted	Denied	Deferred	Other	Struck-by Person	IMEs Conducted
11	4	6	1	0	11	10

Stabilization & Crisis Unit Mental Health Claims 1/1/20-2/28/25						
Total SACU Claims	Accepted	Denied	Deferred	Other (Voided/no treatment)	Struck-by Person	IMEs Conducted
7	3	4	0	0	6	7
Original	Accepted	Denied	Deferred	Other	Struck-by Person	IMEs Conducted
4	1	3	0	0	3	4
New-Omitted	Accepted	Denied	Deferred	Other	Struck-by Person	IMEs Conducted
3	2	1	0	0	3	3

The table only reflects claims data where PTSD or acute stress reaction was diagnosed by the worker’s medical provider or initially claimed by the worker or their attorney. Many denied claims resulted from a physician weighing pre-existing mental health conditions or unrelated stressors (family, financial, generally inherent factors, etc.) against the claimed work stressors. Claims where mental health was filed as a new-omitted condition were often associated with specific events i.e. struck-by person. Other claims were denied as the physician could not identify a valid mental health condition or the PTSD diagnosis criteria was not met.