



# MEMORANDUM

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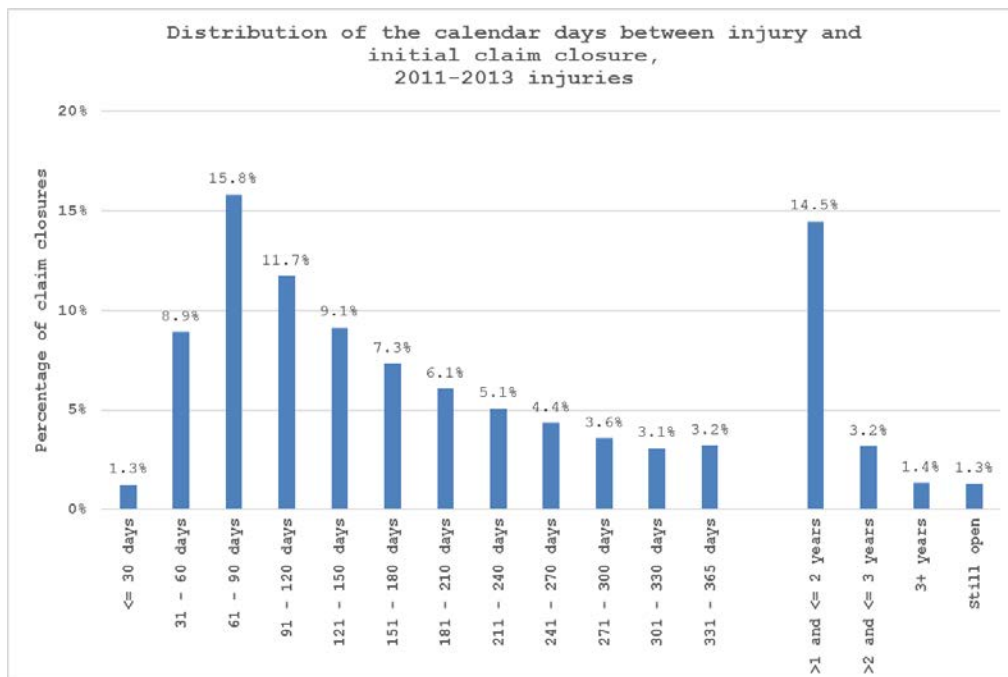
From: Gary Helmer, Economist, Research

Subject: Lag times between injury and claim closure

The figure below illustrates the distribution of calendar days between injury and claim resolution. The data are:

- Accepted disabling claims with dates of injury between Jan. 1, 2011 and Dec. 31, 2013.
- The calendar days between the injury and the first closure date. If a claim is resolved with a CDA rather than a claim closure, the CDA order date is used. If a claim has multiple closures, only the first closure is included.
- Claims that are still open are included.

The figure shows that about 10 percent of the claims were closed within 60 days of injury, and 54 percent were closed within 180 days of injury. Twenty percent of the claims were closed more than a year after injury or are still open.



Please let me know if you need any additional information.