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DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AGENCIES

DIVISION OF INSURANCE

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Independent Medical Examination (IME) Reports - Recommended Procedures to Ensure Authenticity of Report Contents

I. Background and Purpose

The purpose of this bulletin is to provide notification to all independent medical examiners and Colorado Property and Casualty insurers of the need to review, authenticate and sign all IME reports.

Bulletins are the Division's interpretations of existing insurance law or general statements of Division policy. Bulletins themselves establish neither binding norms nor finally determine issues or rights.

II. Applicability and Scope

This bulletin is intended for all Colorado consumers, independent medical examiners and Property and Casualty insurers licensed to write automobile insurance in the state of Colorado.

III. Division Position

Effective immediately the Division encourages all independent medical examiners to review, authenticate and physically sign all IME reports. In addition, the Division encourages all insurers to require that IME reports submitted to them contain an original signature of the independent medical examiner.

Further, the Division would remind all independent medical examiners and their office staff, scheduling and billing agents, Property and Casualty insurers, and consumers that Section 10-16-605, C.R.S. applies to all Independent Medical Examinations performed under the Personal Injury Protection Examination Program and Insurance Regulation 5-2-9. Section 10-16-605, C.R.S. states:

No insurer, employer, employee, patient, or agent or representative thereof shall attempt to dictate to any doctor performing an independent medical examination the type or duration of treatment or the results of the examination.

IV. Additional Division Resources

A. For More Information

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B. Related DOI Regulations

Colorado Insurance Regulation 5-2-9

V. History

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