

POLICY 13.06

Section: Medical Examinations **Effective:**

Title: Policy 13.06 - Reimbursing Workers for Wages Lost to Attend an Independent Medical Examination or Closing Examination **Cancels:** Policy 13.06 dated 2-29-08

See Also: RCW 51.32.110(4) (medical examination, refusal to submit, traveling expenses, paying for lost time)
Policy 5.12 (determining eligibility for time-loss compensation when employer pays worker - kept on salary (KOS))

Approved by: _____
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This policy applies when an independent medical examination (IME) or closing examination is arranged by the department or self-insured employer when a worker takes time off from work without pay to attend the examination.

- 1. The department or self-insured employer reimburses the worker's current wages in one hour increments when a worker takes time off from work without pay to attend an IME or closing examination.**

If the worker misses thirty (30) or more minutes of work the department or self-insured employer pays for the entire hour.

If the worker misses less than thirty (30) minutes of work the department or self-insured employer won't pay for that time.

If the worker misses more than eight (8) hours during one work day the department or self-insured employer pays the worker's current wages at the time of the examination.

- 2. For State Fund claims, the department pays the worker from the Accident Fund.**

Medical treatment adjudicators pay the worker's current wages for attending the examination. These benefits are paid from the Accident Fund and coded as a miscellaneous Accident Fund payment type.

For further information about this or other workers' compensation policies, you may contact the Insurance Services' policy program at (360) 902-5079.

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