Classification Process for Represented Claimants

Claimant Treating Physician

"Treating Physician Opinion on MMI and/or Non Schedule Permanency"

C-4.3 or Medical Narr

Medical Testimony on MMI (Treating Physician)

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Carrier IME

"Carrier IME Opinion on MMI and/or Non Schedule Permanency"

IME-4

Medical Testimony on MMI (Carrier IME)

Medical Testimony (Carrier IME)

Parties

Parties Stipulate to Medical (MMI)

"Parties Submit C-300.5 Stipulation Agreement"

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WC Law Judge

"Conflicting MMI Opinions With No Impairment or Functional Evaluation"

Issue Scheduling Order for MMI

"45 Days"

Make MMI Determination

"Claimant Has Reached MMI"

Issue Scheduling Order for Permanency (Order Permanency/Functional Exam if Needed)

"60 Days"

Conduct Hearing With Lay Testimony and Summations

"Notice of Decision"

Decision On All Issues Rendered

"Claimant Has Not Reached MMI"

"Conflicting MMI Opinions With No Impairment or Functional Evaluation"

Reserve Decision

WC Claims Examiner

"Conflicting Medical Opinions With Impairment and Functional Evaluation"

"Scheduled Hearing"

Instruct Claimant to Submit Form VDF-1

Hearing Notice includes reminder to Claimant to Submit Form VDF-1

Determine Which Party(ies) Submitted Opinion on MMI and/or Non Schedule Permanency

"One Medical Opinion Received"

Solicit Second Medical Opinion (EC-81.8 Letter/Process)

"45 Days"

Review Submitted Medical Opinion(s)

"Conflicting Medical Opinions With Impairment and Functional Evaluation"

"Only One Medical Opinion"

"Medical Opinions From Both Parties Agree or Parties Stipulate to Medical"

Schedule Permanency/ Classification Hearing

"Medical Opinions from Both Parties Agree or Parties Stipulate to Medical"

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