Division of Workers' Compensation Designated Doctor Billing and Reimbursement Examples

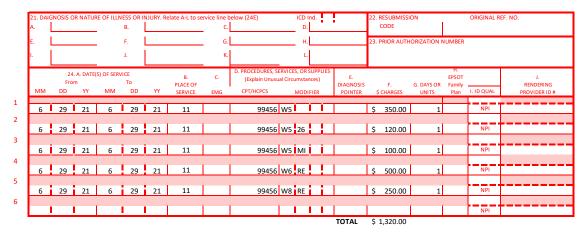
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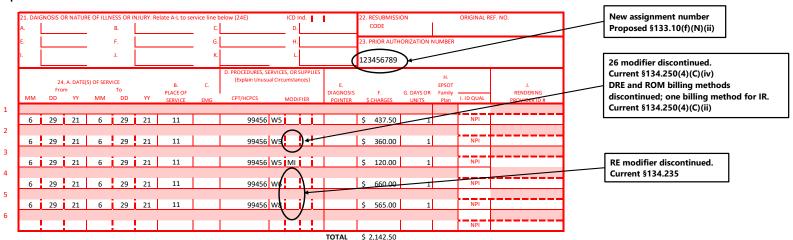
On June 11, 2021, DWC selects a designated doctor (chiropractor or physician) to examine an injured employee with a lumbar sprain/strain for:

- maximum medical improvement,
- impairment rating,
- extent of injury, and
- return to work.

The doctor examines the injured employee on June 29, 2021, and uses the range of motion method to assess impairment rating, but has a physical therapist perform range of motion, sensory, or strength testing of the musculoskeletal body areas. The doctor does three certifications of MMI and IR.

Current





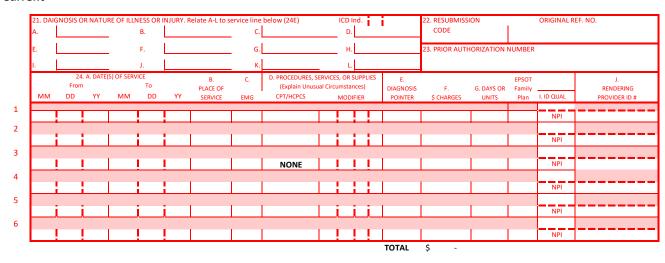
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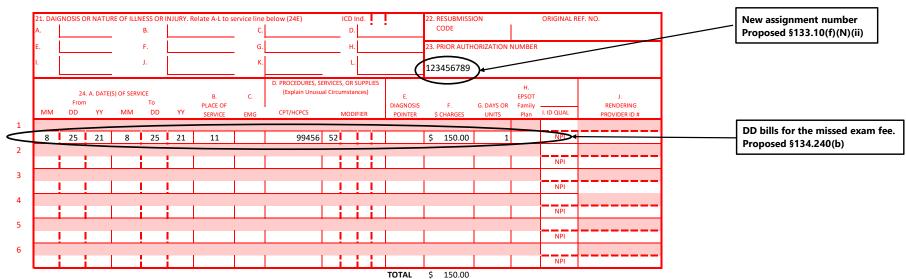
On August 9, 2021, DWC selects a designated doctor (chiropractor) to examine an injured employee with a foot and leg injury for:

- maximum medical improvement, and
- impairment rating.

The doctor travels to the exam on August 25, 2022, and the injured employee does not attend the exam. After waiting 40 minutes and several attempts to reach the injured employee, the designated doctor contacts DWC and the exam is cancelled.

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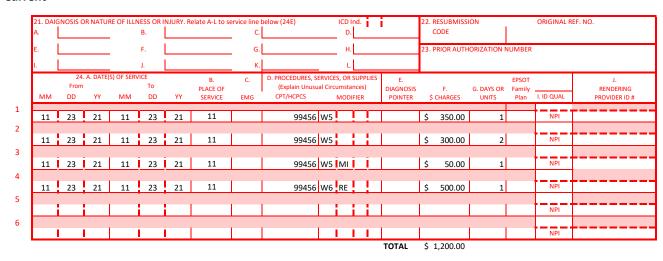
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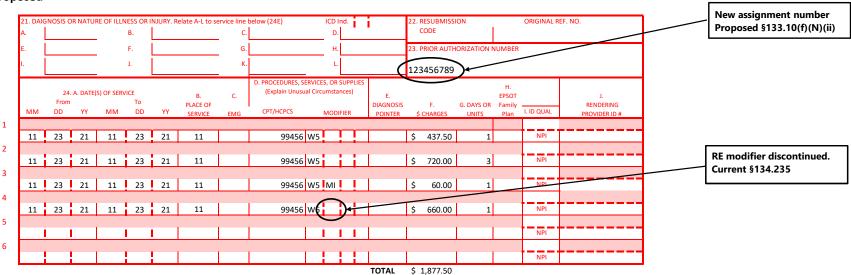
On November 10, 2021, DWC selects a designated doctor (physician) to examine an injured employee with lumbar, foot and leg injury for:

- maximum medical improvement,
- impairment rating, and
- extent of injury.

The doctor examines the injured employee on November 23, 2021, evaluates IR using the diagnosis related estimate (DRE) method and provides two ratings of IR.

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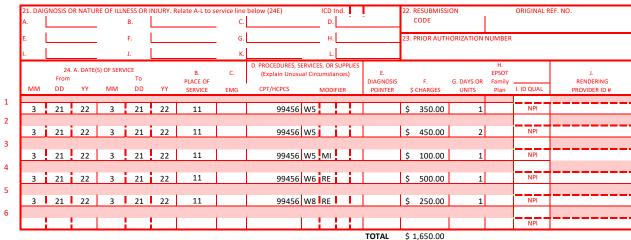
Example Four

On March 21, 2022, DWC selects a designated doctor (physician) to examine an injured employee with a traumatic brain injury and a lumbar sprain/strain:

- maximum medical improvement,
- impairment rating,
- extent of injury, and
- return to work.

The doctor examines the injured employee on April 9, 2022, evaluates IR using ROM method for the spine and provides three ratings of IR.

Current



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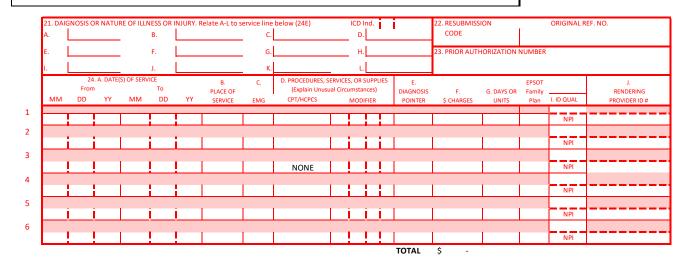
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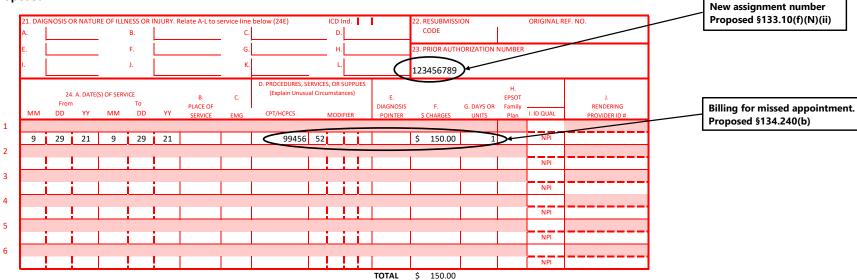
Example Five A

On September 6, 2021, DWC selects a designated doctor (physician) to examine an injured employee with a spinal cord injury for:

- maximum medical improvement,
- impairment rating,
- extent of injury, and
- return to work.

The doctor travels to the exam on September 29, 2021, and the injured employee does not attend the exam. After waiting 40 minutes, the designated doctor leaves and later bills for a missed appointment.





Example Five B

On September 6, 2021, DWC selects a designated doctor (physician) to examine an injured employee with a spinal cord injury for:

- maximum medical improvement,
- impairment rating,
- extent of injury, and
- return to work.

The doctor travels to the exam on September 29, 2021, and the injured employee does not attend the exam. After waiting 40 minutes, the designated doctor leaves and later bills for a missed appointment.

On October 12, 2021, the same designated doctor (physician) contacts the same employee and reschedules and conducts the exam on October 27, 2021. The doctor evaluates IR and provides three ratings of IR. The doctor has already reviewed the records. The DD sends the injured employee for additional testing that is conducted on December 3, 2021.

