NEW SECTION

WAC 246-808-305 Intent. In order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of this state, the commission finds it necessary to regulate performance of personal injury protection insurance evaluations by chiropractors pursuant to WAC 284-30-395. The commission finds that uniform standards for the performance of personal injury protection insurance evaluations by chiropractors are necessary to fairly evaluate and promote the delivery of quality chiropractic care received in this state. This rule shall not apply to examinations completed under the authority of Title 51 RCW (Industrial insurance).

NEW SECTION

WAC 246-808-310 Definitions. Examiner: A chiropractor licensed in the state of Washington who consults with an insurer pursuant to WAC 284-30-395(3).

Examinee: An insured person who is subject to evaluation by an examiner pursuant to WAC 284-30-395(3).
NEW SECTION

WAC 246-808-315  Chiropractic examiner evaluation.  A chiropractor who consults with an insurer pursuant to WAC 284-30-395(3) shall comply with the following:

(1) Review thoroughly and rely on all records provided to the examiner;

(2) List in the resulting report all records provided to the examiner;

(3) Include the rationale for any recommendations in all reports;

(4) Make reasonable inquiry as to the completeness of records pertaining to the evaluation being conducted;

(5) If the examiner knows or should know additional records may be available, the examiner shall request the relevant records from the examinee, health care provider(s), or insurer(s) and document the request. Examples of such records may include, but are not limited to, radiographs, magnetic resonance imaging, physical therapy notes, or imaging reports;
(6) Retain the examinee's records and the resulting report for six years from the date of the last report issued by the examiner;

(7) If the examiner conducts a physical examination of the examinee, the examiner shall comply with WAC 246-808-560; and

(8) Provide a copy of all records, including any resulting reports, to the examinee within fifteen working days of written request.

Chiropractor examiners are subject to all standards identified in chapter 246-808 WAC.

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