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IME/Treating Doctor Report Critique Referral Form

After you have asked the author of the original IME or treating doctor's report to clarify your questions, and have documented that doctor's responses, consider a referral for a report critique. When you deliver this referral form to PsyBar, please include the IME or treating doctor's report, the doctor's reply to you follow-up inquiry and any test scores (e.g. neuropsychological and MMPI-2) in your possession. Please remember to send PsyBar a copy of your release of information form permitting you to exchange information with your consultants. PsyBar's independent report reviewers generally prefer that their findings not be shared with the doctors whose reports are critiqued.

Form Claim Reviewer: _____

Claimant Name: _____

Claim Reviewer address, fax, e-mail and telephone number:

Claim Reviewer telephone number: _____

Claim Reviewer fax number: _____

Claim Reviewer e-mail: _____

May our report reviewer contact the treating doctor or the doctor who performed the IME to exchange information about the claimant? (Circle one) Yes No

(If yes, please include a release form signed by the claimant allowing your company's representatives to exchange information with the outside doctor)

You are, of course, encouraged to ask any question that will help you to understand the IME or treating doctor's conclusions, and the basis of his/her conclusions. To assist you with this process, PsyBar has prepared the following potential referral questions for you. Feel free to select or modify any of these when you refer this request for a report critique to PsyBar, or write new questions of your own.

Potential IME/Treating Doctor Report Critique questions:

1. How were the doctor's conclusions that this claimant cannot perform X, Y, and Z tasks supported by observational, test, and collateral interview data, and by other means?
2. Please explain the doctor's response to my question #4, which asked "(Quote your original referral question here)."
3. Are the doctor's opinions consistent with each other? For example, in page x, paragraph x s/he states "xxxxx," while in the next paragraph s/he states "xxxx."
4. Do you have recommendations about giving additional tests, or performing another type of evaluation to help us determine this claimant's abilities and limitations?
5. Were psychological test(s) (with appropriate norms) chosen and administered correctly?
6. How did the doctor explore the validity of this individual's complaints?
7. Were the doctor's opinions confined to his/her area of expertise?
8. Were the objective test data the doctor obtained consistent with his/her conclusions?
9. Based on the data submitted for your review, please describe the impact of (Claimant's name here) reported (cognitive or psychological) problems on his/her ability to perform daily tasks.
10. Is your interpretation of the IME data and testing consistent with Dr. Smith's conclusions? Please elaborate.