

Independent Medical Examiners Panel Participation

What is an Independent Medical Examiner?

- Doctors who do follow up exams for State Disability Insurance (SDI).
- The State Disability Insurance (SDI) program hires doctors for second opinions. They review the disability to make sure DI benefits are paid correctly.



How to Apply?

Submit a request to become an Independent Medical Examiner (IME).

- **Via Email:** DIBMedical@edd.ca.gov

- **Via Mail:**

ATTN: Field Operations Division
EDD Disability Insurance Branch
PO Box 60006
City of Industry, CA 91716

Please Include:

- Contact Phone Number
- Email Address
- Mailing Address



How To Apply continued...

Private Practice Application Packet

- DE 2546D
- Copy of Curriculum Vitae
- Standard Letter
- STD 204

Clinic Application Packet

- DE 2546DC
- Copy of Curriculum Vitae
- Standard Letter
- STD 204

- **Private Practice:** A medical provider offers services only in their specialty. Other medical providers do not work in their office.
- **Clinic Practice:** More than one medical provider works under a clinic's name or organization.

NOTE: The clinic application must be filled out by the owner or an officer of the clinic.

Fee Schedule

- **Board Certified: \$138.55**
 - For a doctor, it shows education beyond basic skills in their specialty of medicine.
 - Fee may change based on certification status.
- **Non-Board Certified: \$83.30**

Note: Fees for labs and X-rays over \$200 must be pre-approved by an EDD claims office manager.



RESOURCES

- Roles of Physicians/Practitioners
- Guide Cards
 - [P/P verification with ID.me](#)
 - [myEDD log in process – YouTube video](#)
 - [P/P’s registration in SDIO](#) (page 2, 13 - 17)
- IME Examination Guidelines
 - [Section 2627\(c\)-1\(b\) of Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations](#)
- [DE 2548: Physician/ Practitioner’s Guide to Disability Insurance](#)



The image shows a multi-page pamphlet titled "Physician/Practitioner's Guide to Disability Insurance" from the State of California's Employment Development Department. The pamphlet is divided into several sections:

- Managing Claim Duration:** Explains that duration control measures are applied to ensure benefits are paid only for the actual period of disability. It states that the EDD establishes guidelines for the normal duration of a disability, and if the estimated date of recovery exceeds the normally expected duration, the EDD may:
 - Contact you and/or the claimant to clarify and obtain additional information to substantiate a longer disability period, or to ascertain how symptoms/diagnosis is disabling, etc.
 - Require the claimant to submit to an independent medical examination (IME) to determine their ability to perform their regular or customary work. The examiner prepares a report which the EDD reviews to confirm or adjust the allowable duration of the disability.
- Independent Medical Examiners Panel Participation:** States that independent medical examiners are physicians/practitioners who conduct examinations that are required for both Paid Family Leave and DI claims process. It encourages participation as a valuable service and provides the website www.edd.ca.gov/disability/becoming_an_independent_medical_examiner.htm. It also provides the contact number 1-916-654-8621.
- Contact Information:** Provides contact details for the DI Branch at 1-800-480-3287 (English), 1-866-658-8846 (Spanish), or visit www.edd.ca.gov/disability. It also lists the SDI Online help line for physicians/practitioners at 1-855-342-3645.

The pamphlet includes the EDD logo and the text "STATE OF CALIFORNIA LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT". It also features a photograph of a smiling female physician in a white lab coat.

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Thank You