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Sample Report

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RE: Examinee: Stanley Hurts
 Claim Number: 111222333-A

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Dear Ms. Adjuster:

Thank you for providing us with the opportunity to review this case. Our review focused on the assessment of impairment according to the *AMA Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment*, Fifth Edition. We reviewed the report prepared by John Doctor, M.D. dated September 20, 2009. The following summary presents our findings.

PERMANENT IMPAIRMENT REVIEW SUMMARY

Impairments (Values Combined, Unapportioned)	
Evaluator Original Rating: 5% whole person	Impairment Resources' Rating: 1% whole person

Impairment Components by Body Part				
Body Parts	Original Rating	Rating Units	Final Rating (Standard)	Rating Units
Wrist – Range of Motion - Right	5%	WP	1%	WP

<i>AMA Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment, Fifth Edition</i>			
Date of Incident:	May 22, 2007	Original Rater:	John Doctor, M.D.
Date of Birth:	January 1, 1961	Original Rater Role:	AME
Occupation:	Maintenance Worker	Date of Report:	September 20, 2009
Code:	380	Months Post Injury:	28 months



The medical documentation you provided was carefully reviewed. It is our understanding that this material was a copy of documents and will be purged from our files. We have made and retain an electronic image of this material. This history is presented in the medical records. Mr. Hurts is a 48-year-old man with a reported injury of May 22, 2007.

Permanent impairment evaluation must be performed in accordance with the AMA *Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment*, Fifth Edition. Adequate information is provided in the medical records to analyze this case and provides the needed data for the rating criteria in the Fifth Edition. The *Guides* states, “if the clinical findings are fully described, any knowledgeable observer may check the findings with the *Guides* criteria.” (Chapter 2) It is not necessary for us to directly examine Mr. Hurts since the clinical information needed for comparison to criteria in the *Guides* has been provided.

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

In summary, the key issues identified in the review of the impairment evaluation by John Doctor, M.D. of Mr. Hurts are:

1. Dr. Doctor did not compare the contralateral joint as a baseline for normal in this individual.
2. The report does not support the additional impairment for pain and loss of function with daily activities.
3. There is 1% whole person impairment for loss of motion to the right wrist with extension.

CALIFORNIA PERMANENT DISABILITY RATING SCHEDULE

The whole person impairment rating(s) are used as the Impairment Standard(s), the first step in defining Permanent Disability in the State of California, as explained in the Schedule for Rating Permanent Disabilities (<http://www.dir.ca.gov/dwc/dwcpropregs/PDRS.pdf>). Based on the facts in this case, the following Impairment Numbers and Impairment Standards apply. For each impairment standard, we have provided the percentage of impairment apportioned to the referenced injury. As explained in the Rating Procedures, these standards are adjusted for diminished future earning capacity, occupation and age. If there are multiple disabilities, these are combined.

Assuming the occupation of Maintenance Worker and applying the impairment standard as outlined above, the following permanent disability is calculated:

Right Wrist – Range of Motion
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Final PD = 2%

QUALIFICATIONS

The author of this report is a Certified Impairment Rater (CIR) and has unique knowledge, skills and experience in the use of the AMA *Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment*. Her professional background has included years of work in claims assessment, extensive training on the AMA *Guides*,

and ongoing peer review by physicians distinguished in the use of the *Guides*. Further information is provided at <http://www.impairment.com/profiles.htm>.

DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The above analysis is based upon the available information provided by the requesting party at this time; it is assumed that the information provided is correct. If more information becomes available at a later date, an additional report may be requested; such information may or may not change the opinions rendered in this report. The opinions are based on reasonable degree of medical certainty, i.e., more likely than not. Comments expressed in this report are professional opinions based upon the specifics of the case and documentation reviewed; they should not be generalized, nor necessarily be considered supportive or critical of the involved providers or disciplines. Any recommendations offered are provided as guidance and not as medical orders. The opinions expressed in this report do not constitute a recommendation that specific claims or administrative action be made or enforced. This report reflects solely the information reviewed and an independent professional opinion.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information contained in this report and its attachments is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief, except as to information that I have received from others. As to that information, I declare under penalty of perjury that the information accurately describes the information provided to me, and except as noted in this report, that I believe to be true. I further declare under penalty of perjury that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the contents of this report and bill are true and correct.

Sincerely,



Aimee McEntire, CIR

PEER REVIEW

The above examiner is trained in the use of the AMA *Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment*. The examiner's work is regularly reviewed under my tutelage through a stringent process of quality assurance to insure fair, accurate and reliable ratings. In addition to my position as the National Medical Director for Impairment Resources, LLC, I am a board-certified occupational medicine physician practicing as an Occupational and Disability Medicine Specialist with Sharp-Rees Stealy Medical Group, Associate Editor of the new edition of *The Guides Casebook*, reviewer of the AMA *Guides*, Sixth Edition, and an Associate Editor for the AMA *Guides Newsletter*. I have more than 15 years of experience in Occupational Medicine. I received my M.D. from the University of Southern California - Keck School of Medicine, did a residency in Occupational and Environmental Medicine at the University of California at Irvine, and received a Master's Degree in Public Health from San Diego State University. I am a Qualified Medical Evaluator with the State of California, Certified Independent Medical Examiner by the American Board of Independent Medical Examiners and a Certified Impairment Rater. I have extensive experience in the use of the AMA *Guides to the Evaluation*

of Permanent Impairment, having performed and/or reviewed thousands of cases regarding impairment and causation/apportionment analyses.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Craig M. Uejo', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

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