

**ADVISORY NO. 79**

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**TOPIC: TWCC ADVISORY 93-04 EVALUATION OF MMI  
AND IMPAIRMENT BY DOCTORS**

TWCC Advisory 93-04 has been released to address the process of assessing MMI and Impairment by the doctors in accordance with the AMA's Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment, Third Edition, 2nd Printing (hereinafter "Guides").

TWCC is encouraging doctors to explain to the worker the evaluation process as identified in the Guides. TWCC also points out that the evaluation, or certification under the Guides, must include a physical exam and evaluation by the doctor. This must be interpreted to include any doctor -- not just designated doctors, who certify MMI and impairment.

If TWCC finds that the evaluation process was not conducted in accordance with the Guides, the commission may request or order the doctor to perform a re-assessment or re-determination of MMI and Impairment. Appeal Panel Decisions 93040 and 93046 are cited as examples of cases remanded for rehearing on the basis of an improper medical evaluation report.