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Cost Increase for PPD Evaluations

Effective February 1, 2011, the cost of a permanent partial disability evaluation and report will be \$673.12. The cost is set by the Division of Industrial Relations. If more than two body parts are evaluated by the rater, an additional \$224.80 is added. This cost is the same regardless of whether it is the insurer or the injured worker who is paying for the rating evaluation. That means that injured workers should have a good understanding of how the AMA Guides to Evaluation to Permanent Impairment are applied before jumping to the conclusion that the percentage of impairment offered by the insurer is incorrect. \$673 is a lot of money to spend on a mere hope that a second rating physician will find a higher percentage, **and** that hearing officer or appeals officer is likely to agree with the second rating physician. The cost to have a rating doctor review records and give a report, without examining the injured worker, is now \$335.89. For more information on how to obtain a second rating evaluation, [click here](#).