

**WAC 296-23-312 Can a provider conduct independent medical examinations (IMEs) for the department or self-insurer without an active IME provider number from the department?** No. Only doctors who possess an active IME provider number can provide independent medical examinations for the department or self-insurer. Providers must submit an IME provider application and be approved by the department to receive this number.

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