

WAC 296-23-308 Scheduling case progress examinations. (1) Unless a case progress examination is requested by the attending provider, no case progress examination may be scheduled until 120 days have passed since the later of:

(a) The department or self-insurer's receipt of the claim; or

(b) The department or self-insurer's receipt of the last case progress examination report and additional treatment of the condition, if requested, has been authorized.

(2) Subject to subsection (1) of this section, the department or self-insurer may schedule a case progress examination of an injured worker after:

(a) Requesting an explanation from the attending provider regarding status of the treatment plan per WAC 296-23-302, definition of case progress examination, or a referral of the injured worker to a consultation with the appropriate specialty(ies) per WAC 296-20-051 within 15 business days of the request; and

(b) The attending provider or consultant:

(i) Did not respond within 15 business days of the department or self-insured employer request or the consultation could not be completed within 90 days;

(ii) Omitted requested information;

(iii) Did not have further treatment recommendations;

(iv) Recommended a treatment plan that is not proper and necessary or does not meet the department's medical treatment guidelines; or

(v) Wrote a report that does not comply with the provisions of WAC 296-20-06101.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 51.04.020, 51.04.030, and 51.36.070. WSR 22-07-110, § 296-23-308, filed 3/23/22, effective 4/23/22.]