

4123-3-32 Temporary total examinations.

(A) Pursuant to the provisions of section 4123.53 of the Revised Code, the bureau of workers' compensation shall schedule an examination to determine the employee's continued entitlement to temporary total disability compensation, the employee's rehabilitation potential, and the appropriateness of the employee's medical treatment. The examination shall be conducted not later than thirty days following the end of the initial ninety-day period of temporary total disability compensation.

(B) An employer of an employee scheduled for an examination by the bureau under section 4123.53 of the Revised Code may waive the bureau's scheduling of any such examination. The waiver shall be submitted in writing to the bureau. The employer shall indicate whether the waiver is temporary or permanent, the reason for the waiver, and, if applicable, a recommended subsequent date upon which the employee should be reevaluated for scheduling the examination if the employee is receiving temporary total disability compensation. The waiver shall be dated and shall indicate the name and title of the person waiving the examination for the employer. Upon reviewing a claim file where a waiver has not been received, the bureau may recommend to the employer that the examination be waived, and shall contact the employer by telephone or in writing to confirm the waiver of the examination, except where the bureau has determined the employer is out of business. The bureau may waive the examination even if the employer indicates that the examination should proceed where the bureau determines that an examination is not necessary. The bureau shall mail a copy of all waivers, whether received directly from the employer or initiated by the bureau, to the employee, employer, and their authorized representatives, except where the bureau has determined the employer is out of business.

(C) The bureau shall conduct ninety day examinations for employees of self-insuring employers upon the request of the self-insuring employer. A self-insuring employer may determine that a ninety day examination is not necessary, and in that instance may decide not to request such examination be conducted by the bureau. At the appropriate time thereafter, the self-insuring employer may request that the ninety day examination be conducted.

(D) Medical examinations scheduled under this rule shall not operate to limit medical examinations provided for in other provisions of Chapter 4121. or Chapter 4123. of the Revised Code.

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