

LMAC Workplan Topics Rating Survey Results

Topic	No Opinion	Not Important	Important	Very Important	Rating Average
Analyze impact of Montana Utilization and Treatment Guideline (HB 334)	0.0% (0)	7.1% (1)	50.0% (7)	42.9% (6)	2.36
Review recent changes to workers' compensation statutes to see if changes need to be made to related statutes (e.g. 39-71-1006)	7.1% (1)	0.0% (0)	64.3% (9)	28.6% (4)	2.14
Analyze limiting PPD payment only to injured workers who suffer a whole person impairment rating greater than zero and a wage loss, or to injured workers with a Class 2 or greater impairment rating converted to a whole person and no wage loss (HB334)	14.3% (2)	14.3% (2)	21.4% (3)	50.0% (7)	2.07
Analyze impact allowing an insurer to approve the worker's choice of treating physician or designating a different treating physician (HB 334)	7.1% (1)	14.3% (2)	42.9% (6)	35.7% (5)	2.07
Review and analysis of the Safety Culture Act, including researching barriers, effectiveness, and other states' laws regarding safety enforcement	14.3% (2)	0.0% (0)	50.0% (7)	35.7% (5)	2.07
Analyze impact of 6th Edition of AMA Guides to Permanent Impairment (HB 334)	14.3% (2)	7.1% (1)	50.0% (7)	28.6% (4)	1.93
Analyze impact of settlement of future medical benefits on accepted claims (HB 334)	7.1% (1)	21.4% (3)	42.9% (6)	28.6% (4)	1.93
Analyze early Stay at Work/Return to Work assistance program by the Department or insurers	7.1% (1)	7.1% (1)	78.6% (11)	7.1% (1)	1.86
Provide funding for safety initiatives	14.3% (2)	7.1% (1)	57.1% (8)	21.4% (3)	1.86
Analyze Department's independent medical review process (HB 334)	7.1% (1)	14.3% (2)	64.3% (9)	14.3% (2)	1.86
Set a 21-day time frame for insurer to accept or deny a claim (HB 87)	0.0% (0)	35.7% (5)	42.9% (6)	21.4% (3)	1.86
Analyze impact of course and scope change (HB 334)	0.0% (0)	30.8% (4)	61.5% (8)	7.7% (1)	1.77
Limit payment of attorney fees in medical only disputes (HB 87)	14.3% (2)	28.6% (4)	35.7% (5)	21.4% (3)	1.64
Analyze impact of retroactive payment of waiting period if disability exceeds 21 days (HB 334)	21.4% (3)	28.6% (4)	42.9% (6)	7.1% (1)	1.36
Review the case law regarding the Occupational Disease Act	21.4% (3)	28.6% (4)	42.9% (6)	7.1% (1)	1.36