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**TYPE OF REPORT** 

**REQUEST FOR MEDICAL SERVICES** 

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DATE OF REQUEST:		PHYSICIAN MEDICAL REVIEW
REQUESTED BY:		(INCLUDES PROVIDER SUMMARY BREAKDOWN) ADDITIONAL SERVICES WITH PEER REVIEW:
		+ BILL AUDIT (LINE BY LINE) (Addl fee)
COMPANY NAME:	+ DIAG VS. TREATMENT BREAKDOWN (Addl fee)	
CITY, STATE:		MEDICAL OPINION ONLY (no bills)
PHONE # ·		DESIGNATION ONLY (no bills)
		FILM REVIEW RE-READ ONLY
ACCT #:		LINE BY LINE BILL AUDIT (U&C ONLY)
E-MAIL ADDRESS:		NURSE REVIEW
		BASIC NURSE REVIEW
If the requestor is a legal defense atto	rnev. the following is requested:	<ul> <li>BASIC NURSE REVIEW WITH PAID V. INCURRED CHART COMPREHENSIVE NURSE REVIEW</li> <li>DECODEGUE OFFICIAL</li> </ul>
		PROGRESSIVE OPTION
		INDEPENDENT MEDICAL EXAM
5		COMBO (IME EXAM & MEDICAL REVIEW)
Email address:		ENGINEERING SERVICE
Billing address:		BIO MECHANCIAL - LOW IMPACT STUDY ACCIDENT RECONSTRUCTION
*NAC is unable to schedule expert for trial	ENGINEER ANALYSIS ONLY	
expert retainer fees) is fulfilled.		SPECIAL ENGINEERING SERVICE = RECORD RETRIEVAL SERVICE
CLAIMANT'S NAME		MEDICAL FILE SUMMARY
INSURED NAME:		AFFIDAVIT SERVICES
		MEDICAL NECESSITY (PEER REVIEW REQ) COST OF SERVICES (U&C REQUIRED)
CLAIM #	DOI:	MD COST AFFIDAVIT (PEER REQUIRED)
SPECIAL INSTRUCTION	S:	<b>DC</b> COST AFFIDAVIT (PEER REQUIRED)
If you prefer a physician in a specific	DWQ RECORD SERVICE	
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		DEPOSITION/TRIAL SCHEDULING TELEPHONE CONFERENCE SCHEDULING NAC CONFERENCE ROOM SCHEDULING

### Return Report No Later Than:

By assigning this case to us, you have asked us to act as your agent to, among other things, select a physician on your behalf to complete the requested service. As your agents, you have expressly authorized us, as well as the Physician selected at your request, to Review any and all medical or other information relating to the insured's and/or third party claim, including, but not necessarily limited to the insured's and/or third party medical records, medical bills and/or other individual health information.

OFFICE USE ONLY	METHOD OF ORDERING			NAC	
PROVIDER:		EM	P/U	BUSINESS CODE:	TAX
AMOUNT BILLED:		FAX	MAIL	SALES PRICE:	MISC
DOS				FIELD REPPAY	TOTAL

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## **INSTRUCTIONS & PRICE ESTIMATES**

**Physician Medical Review:** All medical reviews include a summary of the case and the Expert's opinion and recommendations. The report also includes a breakdown of the billing by; provider, medical necessity, causation, undocumented charges and usual & customary. All questions, concerns and comments are addressed when written on the request form under special instructions.

Please note that prices may vary depending on the size of the case file in which the expert has to review.

<u>Chiropractic Reviews:</u> Price varies between \$750 and \$1500; based on the size of the file the expert has to review and complication level.

<u>MD Reviews - (Ortho & Neuro)</u>: Price varies between \$1000 and \$3500; based on the size of the file the expert has to review and complication level.

<u>MD Reviews - (All other specialties)</u>: Price varies between \$1000 and \$2500+; based on the size of the file the expert has to review and complication level.

Medical Opinion Only (no bills): Price varies between \$1000 and \$3500. Physician reviews the medical record for care and treatment of the claimant then gives an opinion and answers any specific questions. Actual billing is not reviewed or addressed.

Designation Only: If you have an expert designation deadline but do not have all of the records, we have authority from numerous experts to designate them ahead of time. You *must* notify NAC prior to designating one of our experts. If we receive the case, the designation fee is waived. If the case settles with no peer review, the fee is *\$350*.

Film Review: Radiological re-read of films. Cost \$690, one body area. Each additional film, add \$150 per area.

Jumbo Case: When bills total more than \$50,000 and/or there are extensive records, our cost will vary. Also; in some instances, we will not know expert fees until the review is completed. Whenever possible we will send notification when the invoice (or 2 invoices, doctor and NAC) will exceed \$2,500. When requested, pre-approval from requestor will be obtained before handling.

#### Peer Review Reopen: \$750 if:

- a) Our original report is less than eight (8) months old. After 8 months it is considered a full report.
- b) The additional bills do not add up to more than \$3,000. Additional billing over \$3,000 will be considered a full report.

#### Line By Line Bill Audit (Usual & Customary):

A physician does **NOT** review the bills or records for medical necessity or length of treatment. Charges are reviewed to determine if they are in line with current National Fee Guidelines. (Usual and Customary variances are completed by inside personnel using CPT fee guidelines)

# Cost of Line by Line: 1 provider =\$160, 2 to 5 providers=\$345, 6+ providers are \$50 each additional provider

#### **Engineering Services:**

**Biomechanical Low Impact Study:** A 3-part report which includes; 1) Evaluation of Delta V( $\Delta v$ ) & G Forces imparted to occupants involved in a minor impact with little or no visible damage. File consists of police report, damage appraisals & photos of both vehicles, all of which are admissible at trial. 2) A detailed Amplified Physicians Peer Review based on the records and Engineer's report. 3) A complete evaluation and summary report by a qualified Case Manager. **\$2,510 + cost of Peer Review** 

Accident Reconstruction: Physical inspection of vehicles and accident scene. "Application of the Laws of Physics" is used to determine initial speeds of the vehicles, vehicle direction and driver response. Includes Engineer Report and Photographs. Cost is \$4,095 (travel fees are extra)

**Engineer Analysis:** Evaluation of the Delta V ( $\Delta v$ ) & G Forces imparted to occupants involved in a minor impact with little or no visible damage. File consists of police report, damage appraisals & photos of both vehicles, all of which are admissible at trial. *Cost is a flat rate of* \$1625

Special Engineering Services: For any other case in which an Engineer's expertise outside the scope of auto engineering may be of service. Specialties include, but are not limited to; Structural & Civil, Fire, Electrical and Water. *Cost is* \$1,050 + expert fee

**Diagnostic V. Treatment:** Services are reviewed and charges for diagnostic versus treatment is separated. This report can be utilized alone or in conjunction with a Physician Medical Review. *Cost is \$55 per provider* 

**Independent Medical Evaluation (IME):** An independent physician will examine the claimant. The physician will be based on the specialty you indicate under special instructions on the front of this form. *Cost is* \$1,050 + Doctor fee

<u>Combo:</u> Physician Peer Review and IME performed by the same physician with two separate reports. *Cost* \$1365 + *Doctor fees* 

**<u>Record Retrieval:</u>** \$39 per hour plus \$.35 per mile and any medical records fees charged by the providers.

#### Attorney Assisted Services:

<u>Medical File Summary:</u> This is the process of providing a detailed time line of a medical file. You will receive a detailed spreadsheet listing each date of service and the results of that visit. Price is based on *\$60 per hour (min. 2 hrs.)* 

<u>Affidavits:</u> We will generate and have affidavits executed by the appropriate Expert. Affidavits are faxed and/or emailed to you within 3 days of the Peer Review. Affidavit will be billed separate of Medical Peer Review unless you request they be combined when the service request is made.

<u>Medical Necessity Aff</u>: Follows Texas Civil Practice Code 18.001 for services that are not medically necessary. A physician medical review <u>must</u> be completed in order to execute this affidavit. *\$230 per affidavit* 

<u>Cost of Services Aff</u>: Follows Texas Civil Practice Code 18.001 for fees above usual and customary. A line by line bill audit <u>must</u> be completed to execute this affidavit. *\$230 per affidavit* 

Physician Cost of Services Aff: Follows Texas Civil Practice Code 18.001 for fees above usual and customary. A physician medical review <u>must</u> be completed to execute this affidavit. Cost of Affidavits: 1 provider =\$500, 2 + providers =\$225 per additional affidavit

#### **Deposition Concierge Services:**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Our physicians are under contract and are required to testify on behalf of their handling of any report if requested. We require that all communication regarding deposition or testimony in conjunction with cases be coordinated through NAC for control purposes.

#### Please contact: <a href="mailto:legal@northamericanconsultants.com">legal@northamericanconsultants.com</a>

**Deposition/Trial Scheduling**: Upon notification of impending deposition or trial, our Legal Coordinator will begin the coordination of scheduling. In addition to our Depo/Trial service, we can handle your scheduling matters with our experts connected to the case. *Fees start at \$240* 

**DWQ Record Service:** Records requested by Subpoena Duces Tecum with Direct Questions, or by Affidavit of Records, with or without Medical Authorization. All fees for medical, billing or radiology record expenses will be passed along to the client in addition to NAC rates. *Fees start at \$100* 

#### Nurse Reviews:

**Basic Nurse Review:** A Nurse summarizes the file identifying any billing errors, obsolete codes, unusual codes and/or unrelated codes. This report gives the claims professional a basis by which to negotiate and settle their claim without the need for litigation. This report makes recommendations per the Official Disability Guidelines. *Cost is \$400* 

Basic Nurse Review with Paid v. Incurred Chart: This applies the same applications as above but also includes a paid v. incurred chart. Cost: Under 300 pages= \$450, Over 300 pages= \$675

<u>Comprehensive Nurse Review:</u> This report applies the same applications as a basic nurse review, but also includes a line by line audit for usual & customary fees in the geographical area. *Cost:* \$500

**Progressive Option:** Upon completion of the nurse review; if we feel the file needs to be reviewed medical doctor review, it will be automatically submitted at our listed peer review prices. 36% of our nurse reviews have warranted a physician medical review. *Cost: \$500* 

**RESEARCH FEE:** A fee of \$90.00 per hour will be charged on any case wherein we are asked to locate/retain a physician in a particular area or State that we do not have. **ADMINISTRATIVE FEE:** A fee of \$240.00 applies to any case received in NAC's Home Office and canceled for any reason. **COPY FEE:** Any case with records over 2" in height (or 500 pgs.) will be charged a copy fee of \$.25 per page.