



## To be paid for this form, health-care providers must:

1. Submit this form:
  - With reports of accident when there are work related physical restrictions
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- When requested by the insurer.
2. Complete all relevant sections of the form.
3. Send chart notes and reports, as usual.

## Important notes

- Use this form to communicate work status, activity restrictions, and treatment plans.
- This form will also certify timeloss compensation, if appropriate.
- Occupational and physical therapists, office staff, and others will not be paid for working on this form.
- To learn how to complete this form, go to [www.activityRX.Lni.wa.gov](http://www.activityRX.Lni.wa.gov)

## About impairment ratings

We encourage you, the qualified attending health-care provider, to rate your patient's permanent impairment. If this claim is ready to close, please examine the worker and send a rating report.

Qualified attending health-care providers include doctors currently licensed in medicine and surgery (including osteopathic and podiatric) or dentistry, and chiropractors who are department-approved examiners.

## Suggestions for talking with injured workers

Research shows that returning to normal activity as soon as safely possible after injury reduces the likelihood of long-term disability. Helping your patients develop expectations and goals for returning to work can improve their outcomes while protecting their incomes and benefits.

Here are some conversations that occupational injury and disease specialists recommend you have with your patients:

- **“Activity helps you recover.”** Explain that returning to some level of work and activity will help patients recover from common injuries faster than prolonged bed rest. Be sure patients understand the level of activity they can do at home and work. Emphasize what they can do.
- **“Some discomfort is normal when returning to activities after an injury.”** Discomfort from activity is different from pain that indicates a serious problem or setback.
- **“You can help with your own recovery.”** Make sure your patients understand that while you can help with pain and healing, they play an equally important role by following your instructions.
- **“You can protect yourself from re-injury.”** When musculoskeletal injuries are involved, talk to patients about how changes in the way they move or do their jobs can prevent other injuries.
- **“Early and safe return to work makes sense.”** The longer you are off work, the harder it is to get back to your original job and wages. Even a short time off work takes money out of your pocket because time-loss benefits do not pay your full wage.

To review related research, go to [www.Lni.wa.gov](http://www.Lni.wa.gov) and type in “Bibliographies” in the search box.

**Thank you for treating this injured worker.**