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Why Choose a CICESM

Today's health care economics demand you make the right decision, the first time. Now you can confidently locate chiropractors who provide the highest quality independent chiropractic examinations.

The demand for quality is fueled by monetary considerations. Workers' compensation and other disability costs, total billions of dollars every year. As a result, organizations, in an effort to control costs, are closely scrutinizing quality and reliability. The needs of health-care organizations, disability managers, employers and insurers have shifted over the last decade. Biased, inadequate and superficial chiropractic examinations are unacceptable in today's competitive marketplace.

ABIME identifies chiropractors that meet stringent criteria for education, training and experience. Such physicians must then demonstrate competency by successfully completing **ABIME's** rigorous, 4-hour certification examination. The certified independent chiropractic examiner (**CICESM**) certification is then valid for five years. Recertification requirements are 15 hours of continuing medical or chiropractic education in impairment rating and disability medicine plus successful completion of the current examination or completion of alternate pathway program.

ABIME-certified chiropractors possess necessary skills and training in physical, behavioral, psychological and occupational assessment; draw upon in-depth experience to perform credible evaluations; provide thorough, objective, written analysis regarding diagnoses, causation, prognosis, maximal medical improvement, impairment, work capacity, appropriateness of care; testify as an expert witness; recognize the value of impartiality and thoroughness in case evaluation; strive to conduct timely, cost-effective evaluations; abide by **ABIME** codes of conduct and ethical practice; and exhibit commitment to professional excellence and integrity.

The American Board of Independent Medical Examiners (**ABIME**) addresses the need for competent, reliable disability/compensation evaluations. **ABIME** is the only quality assurance organization that establishes national, uniform standards of competency for physicians who perform independent chiropractic examinations. **ABIME** certification is one of several important criteria to be considered in the selection of an independent chiropractic examiner.