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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mark Melgard, M.D., Medical Director
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Dear Dr. Melgard:

The Oregon Board of Medical Examiners has received complaints regarding Independent Medical Evaluations (IME's).

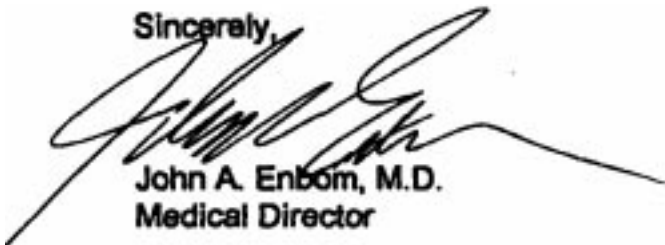
The Board has requested that a memorandum of general statement be issued regarding concerns raised during the evaluation of IME complaints.

We would appreciate your dissemination of the memorandum through your organization.

If there are specialists in the area of Orthopedics, Neurology, Neurosurgery, Occupational Medicine, or any other specific group more significantly involved with IME's, we would appreciate a copy of this targeted to that organization, as well.

We appreciate your help in this matter. Please call me if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



John A. Enbom, M.D.
Medical Director

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Enclosure (Memorandum)

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