

# Independent Medical Evaluation Services

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## Request for Proposal – Questions & Answers

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Question	Response
1. What is anticipated volume of IME's?	OCERS processes approximately 100 disability applications per year.
2. What is the average price per exam?	Price depends on the specialty and the number of pages of medical records. Average is approximately \$5000
3. Is there an incumbent(s) and if so can you provide them?	OCERS currently uses National Disability Evaluations (NDE) as well as physicians independently contracted.
4. What are the most commonly utilized specialties?	Orthopedic, Internal and Psychiatric
5. What is the average medical records page count per exam?	Varies greatly, an average is approximately 600 pages.
6. Bidder provides other 1937 Act clients with Medical Record Review (MMR) services and <u>only</u> utilizes an Independent Medical Evaluation (IME) when applicable to the claim. Would OCERS consider a Bidder's proposal for award if the Bidder were to bid the proposal utilizing a Medical Record Review (MMR) <u>first</u> and only utilizing an IME when applicable to the claim file under review?	OCERS would be willing to consider a proposal of this kind.
7. Who is the incumbent Vendor currently providing the services requested in this RFP?	Please see the response to question #3 above.
8. How many disability claims did OCERS process in 2023 and 2024 for MMR and IME?	OCERS processed 106 applications in 2023, Year to date numbers for 2024 are not currently available. The majority of applications go through an IME.
9. What physician specialties are most utilized by OCERS for MMR and IME?	Please see the response to question #4 above.
10. What is the average size of the disability claim file (to include required claim documents and medical records)?	Please see the response to question #5 above.