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Subject: Interim Workers' Compensation Review Committee Follow-up - OIR Utilization

Chuck,

During the April 30, 2008 Interim Workers' Compensation Committee meeting a presenter questioned the utilization rate of the Office of Independent Review (OIR). The concern expressed was how many injured workers skipped OIR and proceeded directly to litigation through requesting an administrative hearing, failing to take advantage of the benefits of the OIR program. In a study of the WSI legal database I established the following:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Injured Workers Bypassing OIR</u>	<u>OIR Requests</u>	<u>OIR Utilization Rate</u>
2005	13	428	97%
2006	3	384	99%
2007	4	397	99%

Please feel free to pass this information along to the Committee.

Thanks/cj

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