

INFORMATION BULLETIN

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To All Members of the DCRB:

Re: New Medical Treatment Statistics Report Highlights Workers Compensation Injury Treatment Data Across Delaware For Policy Years 2018-2020

The Delaware Compensation Rating Bureau (DCRB) has released its first Medical Treatment Statistics Report. Based on policy years 2018-2020, the report highlights workers compensation data for office and physical medicine visits, surgery, prescription drugs, and prescriptions with opioids. The report is available at DCRB.com under the Industry Resources section via the following link:

DCRB 2023 Medical Treatment Statistics Report

"This report offers a comprehensive look at vital treatment statistics compiled from comparing Unit and Medical data," says Dawn Belfus, DCRB's Vice President, Data Services. "Such reports are valuable tools for our members and other workcomp stakeholders, enabling them to recognize evolving trends and grasp the implications for the industry."

Report highlights include:

- 77% of all workers compensation claims had at least one office and physical medicine visit, with other upper extremities requiring the most visits (36%).
- The median number of physical medicine visits is 12, ranging from one visit for upper extremities injuries to as many as 58 visits for head injuries.
- 25% of workers compensation claims required at least one surgery, with other upper extremities requiring the most surgeries (45%).
- 32% of workers compensation claims had prescription costs, of which 15% were opioid prescriptions.

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