



Stakeholder Alert

Following the publication of the Government response to the '*Revisions to the Medical Reporting Process for Road Traffic Accident Claims*' consultation on 16 December last year, we would like to confirm that the following changes to several medical reporting related activities will come into effect from 6 April 2025:

- Revised Medical Reporting Organisation Qualifying Criteria (QC) and Direct Medical Expert Rules (DME Rules);
- A revised MedCo 'offer' for represented claimants only; and
- An increase of around 25% to the MedCo Fixed Cost Medical Reports (FCMR) regime.

QC and DME Rules

The changes to the QC and DME Rules are minor and aim to improve clarity, add links to further resources and replace defunct web links with new ones. However, it is worth highlighting that key changes have been made to the QC to reduce the:

- capacity requirements in QC 2.2i for tier 1 MROs. Tier 1 MROs will now need to demonstrate a capacity to be able to produce 28,000 reports per annum, down from 40,000; and
- number of active medical experts required by tier 1 MROs in QC 2.2ii to 175 active medical experts, down from 225.

The new QC and DME Rules are available to download from the Document Library on the MedCo website: <https://medco.org.uk/document-library>

MedCo 'offer'

The new MedCo 'offer' for represented claimants will be: two tier 1 MROs, six tier 2 MROs and seven DMEs. This is one additional tier 2 MRO compared with the current offer.

Fixed Cost Medical reports

The updated FCMR will also come into effect on 6 April 2025. Section 10 of the draft statutory instrument sets out the levels of the new FCMR regime:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2025/106/contents/made>

It should be noted that these new FCMR levels will **only** apply to claims where the claims notification claim form, the small claims notification form or letter of claim is issued on or after 6 April 2025.