

**Changes effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004: Can a physician assistant (PA) or advanced register nurse practitioner (ARNP) perform the following duties under Title 51 RCW? Changes to PAs referring to physical therapy, occupational therapy, and massage therapy effective May 3, 2005.**

Local Code	Type of Form or Action	OK or to perform or to have sole signature?		Reason	Relevant WAC or RCW
		PA	ARNP		
	Treat injured workers	Yes	Yes		WAC 296-20-01501 WAC 296-23-240
	Prescribe legend drugs including those in schedule II - V	Yes	Yes		WAC 246-918-030 WAC 246-840-420 WAC 246-840-421 WAC 246-840-422
	60-day progress report with timeloss information	No	Yes	PAs can't certify timeloss ARNPs can certify timeloss	WAC 296-20-01002 "doctor" WAC 296-20-01501 WAC 296-23-241
	Chart notes with no mention of timeloss	Yes	Yes		
1040M	Report of Accident (ROA)	Yes	Yes	PAs and ARNPs can be the sole signature on the ROA. PAs are limited to simple industrial injuries as defined in WAC 296-20-01502	WAC 296-20-01002 "doctor" WAC 296-20-01502 WAC 296-23-241
	Certify Timeloss	No	Yes	PAs cannot certify timeloss. ARNPs can certify timeloss.	WAC 296-20-01002 "doctor" WAC 296-20-01501 WAC 296-23-241
	Perform consultations	No	Yes	ARNPs can perform consultations, PAs cannot	WAC 296-20-045
	Refer for physical therapy	Yes	Yes	As of May 3, 2005, PAs can refer for the attending physician. ARNPs can refer if they are attending physician.	WAC 296-23-220
	Refer for massage therapy	Yes	Yes	As of May 3, 2005, PAs can refer for the attending physician. ARNPs can refer if they are attending physician.	WAC 296-23-250
	Refer for occupational therapy	Yes	Yes	As of May 3, 2005, PAs can refer for the attending physician. ARNPs can refer if they are attending physician.	WAC 296-23-230
1026M	Physicians Final Report (PFR)	No	Yes	Ability to work and permanent impairment questions. By rule PAs can't certify timeloss and they aren't among the	WAC 296-20-01501 WAC 296-23-241

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		PA	ARNP		
				providers that can rate impairment. ARNPs can fill out this report	WAC 296-20-2010
1027M	Loss of Earning Power (LEP)	No	Yes	PAs cannot answer ability to work questions, ARNPs can	WAC 296-20-01501 WAC 296-23-241
1028M	Add'l Job Analysis review by attending doctor	No	Yes	Ability to work questions Physician must certify ability to perform modified duties PAs cannot ARNPs can	WAC 296-20-01501 WAC 296-23-241 RCW 51.32.090
1037M	Physical Capacities Report to the Employer	Yes	Yes		
1038M	1 <sup>st</sup> Job Analysis review by the attending doctor	No	Yes	Ability to work questions Physician must certify ability to perform modified duties PAs cannot ARNPs can	WAC 296-20-01501 WAC 296-23-241 RCW 51.32.090
1048M	Physical Capacities Form	Yes	Yes		
1055M	Review of Occupational Disease History	No	Yes	Asks the provider to make a causal relationship such as in the ROA PAs cannot sign off on occupational disease claims ARNPs can	WAC 296-20-01501 WAC 296-23-241
1056M	Supplemental Medical Report (SMR)	No	Yes	Ability to work and permanent impairment questions PAs cannot sign the SMR. ARNPs can sign the SMR.	WAC 296-20-01501 WAC 296-23-241 WAC 296-20-2010
1057M	Opioid Progress Report	No	Yes	By rule, the physician fills out this form PAs cannot ARNPs can	WAC 296-20-03022 WAC 296-23-241
1063M	Attending physician review of IME	No	Yes	Permanent impairment questions PAs cannot comment ARNPs as the attending physician can review the IME even though they don't rate impairment	WAC 296-20-2010 WAC 296-23-241
1064M	Initial report documenting need for	No	Yes	The attending physician must submit this report PAs cannot	WAC 296-20-03020 WAC 296-23-241

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		PA	ARNP		
	opioids for chronic pain			ARNPs can if they are the attending physician.	
	Provide psychiatric services	No	No	Only psychologists and psychiatrists can provide psychiatric services for injured workers. PAs and ARNPs may prescribe the initial drugs (e.g., antidepressants) to the worker but may not provide psychiatric services. Even ARNPs that specialize in psychiatry cannot provide psychiatric services. This would be different for crime victims' compensation which reimburses MSWs and ARNPs for psychiatric services.	WAC 296-21-270 WAC 296-31-030