Paramedical Examiner

Career Information

NASCPE
NASCPE was formed to unite paramedical examiners and improve the profession as a whole. Membership and Certification are available. This non-profit organization was created by examiners for examiners. For more information please visit: http://www.nascpe.com

Paramedical Examiner
The paramedical examiner is a qualified professional who completes medical exams for insurance companies. Depending on the requirements of a particular insurance company this may include any or all of the following: vital signs, phlebotomy, urine collection, obtaining a medical history, electrocardiograms, pulmonary function tests, and senior assessments. You can expect to spend between 15 minutes to 1 hour on each exam in addition to travel time. In some cases you may be expected to print, process, and mail or fax 20-40 page documents called packets, which are essentially applications for the insurance policy.

Independent Examiner
Contractor, Sub-contractor, and Independent Examiner are terms used interchangeably to describe examiners who work for paramedical companies. They supply you with work and sometimes the equipment, kits, and supplies necessary for completing the exams. Some will expect you to provide your own equipment and some will expect you to pay for supplies and lab kits. The amount you are paid for each service, or combination of services, will vary from one paramedical company to the next, so the amount you get paid will depend largely on your ability to negotiate. Some companies pay flat rates for services, others pay a percentage of what they are paid by each individual insurance company.

Direct Examiner
Direct Examiners have a working relationship with the agents who sell the insurance and write the policies. This skips the intermediary (paramedical company) as a means of getting the work. The pay is substantially higher and allows you to build your own business and reputation. It requires doing your own marketing and a tremendous amount of effort. Consider this option after you have gained experience in the field by working for the paramedical companies.

This can be an extremely rewarding career choice particularly if you do a little research and get a feel for how the industry functions. Look for message boards where examiners discuss issues relevant to this industry. An excellent one is http://www.paramedicalexaminersanonymous.com

Good luck in your job search and welcome to the medical community