



AMA Guides® Editorial Panel Meeting Spring 2021

AMA Guides® Editorial Summary of Panel Actions- May 2021

The following actions reflect the decisions reached by the AMA Guides® Editorial Panel at the May meetings. Disclosure of Panel action and deliberation is limited to the information contained in this Summary of Actions. Premature release of information other than that contained in this document is prohibited under the AMA Guides Confidentiality Agreement.

Note: Editorial Panel Actions are considered provisional until the public comment period concludes.

ID	Affiliation	Applicant Name(s)	Action Requested	Editorial Panel Action
100040	American Psychological Association International Academy of Independent Evaluators	Les Kertay, PhD James Underhill, PsyD	Remove section 13.3f, including examples 13-11 and 13-12, and table 13-10, in their entirety.	Further consideration of the overall strategy for revising Chapter 13 is required before getting into specifics of how to address this section.
100060	North American Spine Society	Christopher Kauffman, MD William Sullivan, MD Tom Mayer, MD Michael Steinmetz, MD Kano Mayer, MD	Update to the AMA Guides® to reflect the most current, evidence-based medicine related to permanent impairment of the spine. These updates will promote equitable and consistent impairment ratings. Topics addressed include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarification between spinal trauma and neurologic injury • Incorporation of specific Patient Reported Outcome Measures for the spine • Modification of the Table on Grade Modifiers for Physical Examination (currently only neurology-focused – does not take into consideration other pathology) • Considerations for Radiculopathy vs. Radiculitis to calculate impairment. Evaluate what is pain and what is a deficit. Clarification and specificity of definitions. • Assessment of spinal transition zones and the need to explain when it is appropriate and when it is not to use different spinal regions for impairment ratings. • Other updates to improve clarify and consistency. 	Additional time is needed to study and understand the implications before proceeding; panel decision postponed.