

Table 2

The Fifteen Most Frequent RFA Issue Categories by Year of Submission (1994-2000)

Type of Issue	1994		1995		1996		1997		1998		1999		2000		1994 - 2000	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Medical Auth. & Treatment	27,954	27.7%	67,848	27.2%	80,420	27.8%	102,215	26.6%	119,536	26.4%	123,769	26.2%	117,836	25.2%	639,578	26.5%
Attorney Fees	6,492	6.4%	39,313	15.8%	49,953	17.3%	66,682	17.4%	72,916	16.1%	74,402	15.8%	81,228	17.4%	390,986	16.2%
Penalties and Interest	8,463	8.4%	31,712	12.7%	39,402	13.6%	52,037	13.6%	64,516	14.2%	67,471	14.3%	71,631	15.3%	335,232	13.9%
Temporary Total Disability	6,779	6.7%	18,819	7.5%	22,597	7.8%	30,196	7.9%	36,456	8.0%	37,476	7.9%	38,017	8.1%	190,340	7.9%
Temporary Partial Disability	12,203	12.1%	14,654	5.9%	13,554	4.7%	27,105	7.1%	35,429	7.8%	36,269	7.7%	36,459	7.8%	175,673	7.3%
Payment of Medical Bills	11,405	11.3%	25,206	10.1%	24,290	8.4%	24,113	6.3%	26,530	5.8%	26,505	5.6%	24,783	5.3%	162,832	6.7%
Additional Benefits	2,055	2.0%	7,561	3.0%	10,941	3.8%	18,500	4.8%	23,953	5.3%	24,796	5.3%	24,179	5.2%	111,985	4.6%
AWW* & Comp Rate	6,371	6.3%	9,581	3.8%	11,367	3.9%	15,218	4.0%	19,706	4.3%	21,571	4.6%	21,877	4.7%	105,691	4.4%
Compensability	4,145	4.1%	5,870	2.4%	6,907	2.4%	9,057	2.4%	10,901	2.4%	11,775	2.5%	10,900	2.3%	59,555	2.5%
Permanent Total Disability	4,034	4.0%	7,476	3.0%	8,205	2.8%	9,656	2.5%	10,553	2.3%	10,380	2.2%	8,584	1.8%	58,888	2.4%
Independent Medical Examiner	167	0.2%	1,002	0.4%	4,136	1.4%	7,288	1.9%	7,977	1.8%	8,483	1.8%	8,236	1.8%	37,289	1.5%
Impairment Benefits	145	0.1%	1,306	0.5%	3,089	1.1%	5,392	1.4%	7,383	1.6%	8,711	1.8%	6,728	1.4%	32,754	1.4%
Attendant Care	1,203	1.2%	2,762	1.1%	3,165	1.1%	3,904	1.0%	4,553	1.0%	4,906	1.0%	3,937	0.8%	24,430	1.0%
Wage Loss (Pre-1994)	6,168	6.1%	6,734	2.7%	3,023	1.0%	2,138	0.6%	1,313	0.3%	774	0.2%	412	0.1%	20,562	0.9%
Supplemental Benefits	286	0.3%	902	0.4%	703	0.2%	2,032	0.5%	3,279	0.7%	3,620	0.8%	2,590	0.6%	13,412	0.6%
All Other Issues	3,125	3.1%	8,735	3.5%	7,390	2.6%	8,236	2.1%	8,586	1.9%	10,780	2.3%	9,628	2.1%	56,480	2.3%
Total	100,995	100.0%	249,481	100.0%	289,142	100.0%	383,769	100.0%	453,587	100.0%	471,688	100.0%	467,025	100.0%	2,415,687	100.0%

*Average weekly wage
 Source: Division of Workers' Compensation Integrated database as of April 30, 2001, and Investigations File (for cases submitting RFAs between January 1, 1994, and October 16, 1994)