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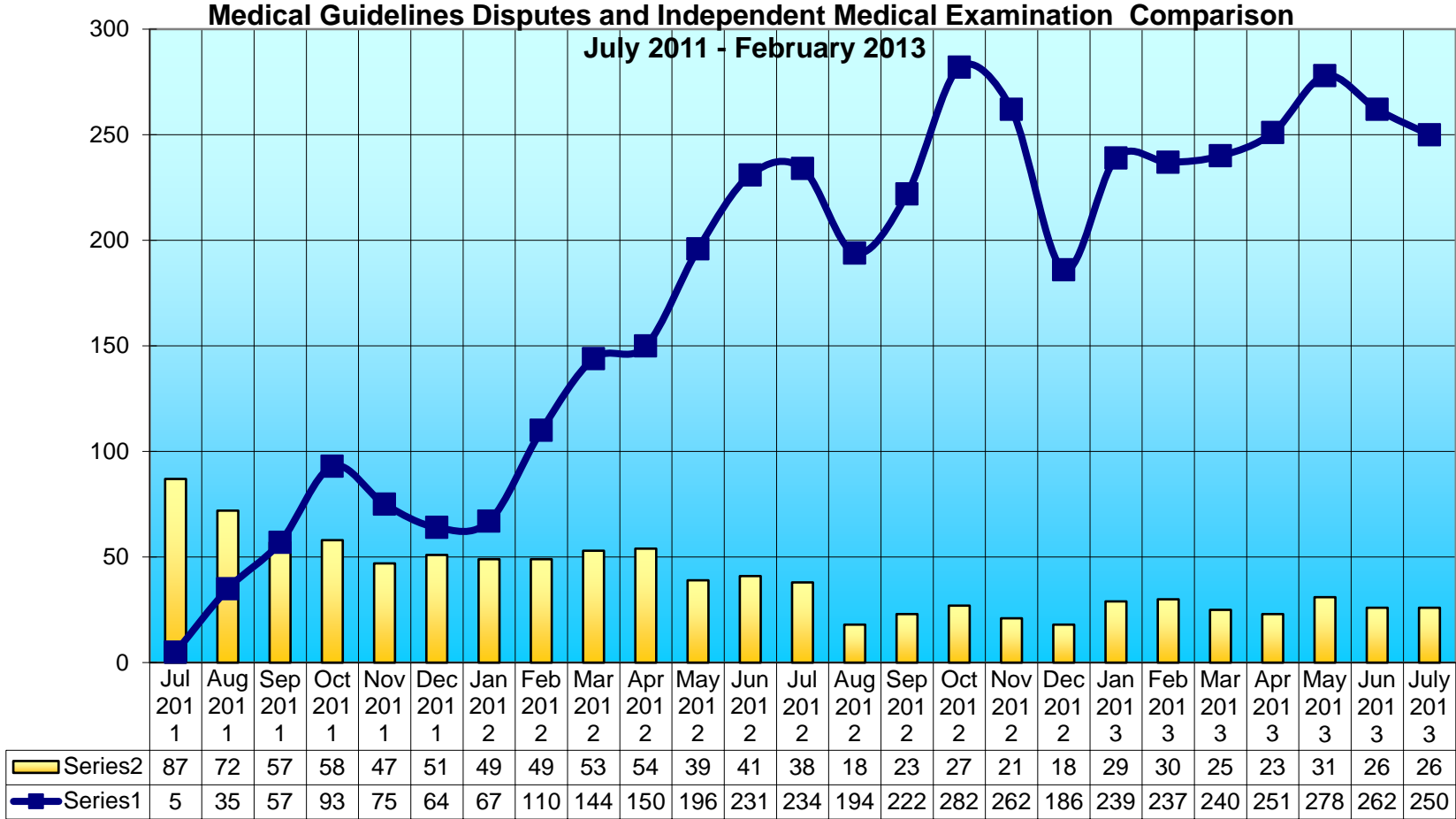


- **MEDICAL SERVICES**

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- Medical Treatment Schedule
- Effective July, 2011
- Over 2,000 decisions have been made thus far
- Goal is to provide efficient, quality care to injured workers.

# MGDs AND IMEs

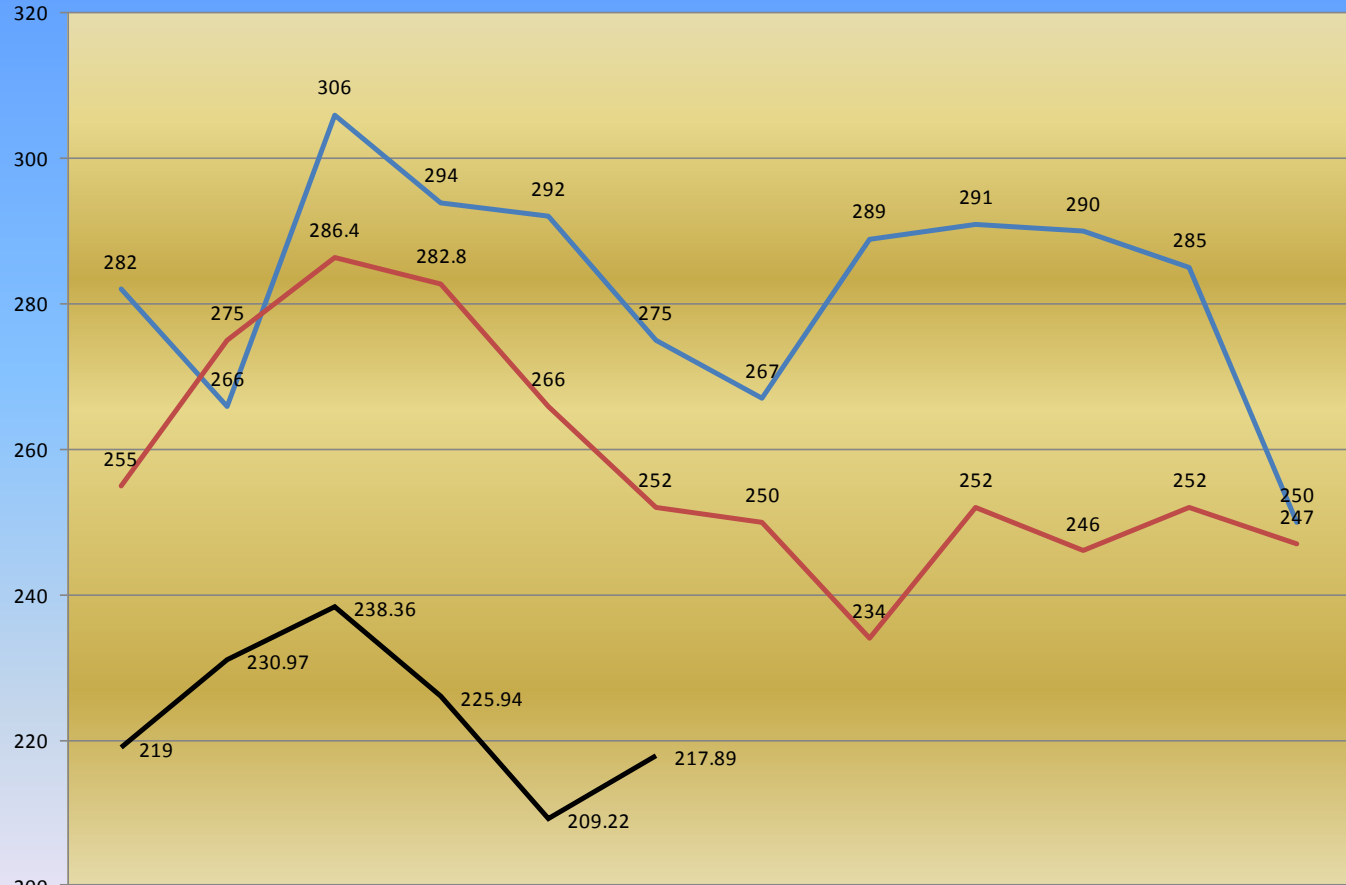


# HEARINGS DIVISION

- Our goal is to fairly and equitably resolve disputes in a timely manner.

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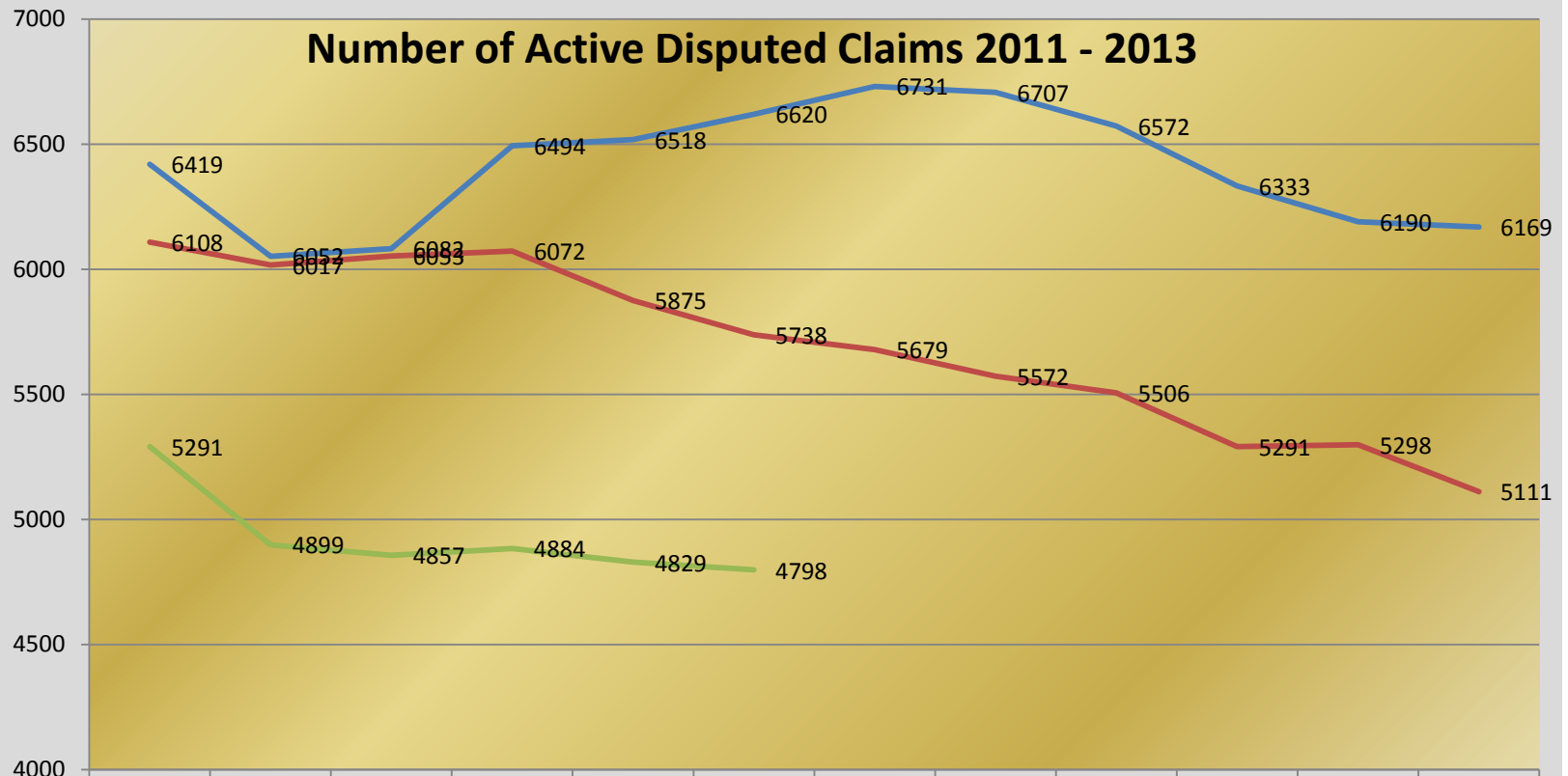
2011, 2012 and 2013 Average Delay for 1008's



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2011 Delay	282	266	306	294	292	275	267	289	291	290	285	250
2012 Delay	255	275	286.4	282.8	266	252	250	234	252	246	252	247
2013 Delay	219	230.97	238.36	225.94	209.22	217.89						



## Number of Active Disputed Claims 2011 - 2013



	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
2011	6419	6052	6082	6494	6518	6620	6731	6707	6572	6333	6190	6169
2012	6108	6017	6053	6072	5875	5738	5679	5572	5506	5291	5298	5111
2013	5291	4899	4857	4884	4829	4798						



# LRS – SECOND INJURY PARTNERSHIP



- On July 1<sup>st</sup> Act 291 became law. This allows for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Injury Fund (SIF) to designate up to 1% of the Fund for vocational rehabilitation services to help employ persons with disabilities.



# SIF ALLOCATION+FEDERAL MATCH

## SIF Allocation+Federal Match

- In 2011-12 the SIF Board approved 1% of the annual budget be allocated to LRS for direct services:
  - This amount = \$ 467,914.
  - Federal match= \$1,728,865.
  - SIF + Match = \$2,196,779.
- In 2012-13 the SIF Board approved .05% of the annual budget to be allocated to LRS for direct services:
  - This amount = \$ 233,957.
  - Federal match= \$ 864,432.50
  - SIF + Match = \$1,098,389.50
- Total allocated=\$3,295,168.50 (7/1/2011-3/1/2013)

# RESULTS OF SIF PROGRAM 7-1-11 THROUGH 6-30-13

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- Information is for cases closed 7/1/2011 – 6/30/2013.
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- 1,241 persons successfully employed
- Rehabilitative services were provided to 1,611 disabled workers
- Average cost per disabled worker was less than \$3,000
- Employees and/or employers in 60 parishes received services

# Types of jobs at closure:

- Motorcycle maintenance Jackson parish
- Building custodian E. Baton Rouge
- Physician Lafayette
- Computer Programmer St. Tammany parish
- Detective Lake Charles
- Sheriff's Office Dispatcher Iberville parish
- Machine operator Caddo parish
- Nurse Bossier
- IRS Auditor Baton Rouge
- College Professor New Orleans
- School Teacher Orleans parish



# OSHA AND SAFETY

- Workplace Safety Task Force

The Louisiana Workforce Commission has developed a pilot program called "Workplace Safety Task Force" that has brought business leaders, academia, legislators and workers together to study trends and data in order to better identify dangerous work practices and to recommend ways to reduce injuries and fatalities in the workplace.

It addresses both prevention and proper response to workplace accidents and costs associated with safety or lack thereof in Louisiana workplaces.

# OSHA AND SAFETY

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- Cultivating Safety
- Transportation and Warehousing Study

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## ■ Student Safety

The “Youth Safety Program” was developed to provide youths and young workers with information to protect themselves from possible safety and health hazards that may be present or occur in the particular work industry they will be entering. The “Youth Safety Program” has been in place for two years and has reached 1,600 youths and young workers across the state of Louisiana. The program has been presented in the following parishes: Bienville, Iberville, Ascension, Jefferson Davis, Jefferson, Acadia and St. Martin. This program serves as a learning tool for youths 16 to 24 entering the workforce. Information discussed consists of:

- Rights on the Job
- How to Identify Hazards
- What to do When a Hazard has been Identified
- What to do in the Case of Emergency



# 2013 LEGISLATION

- Act 337 (The Safe Harbor Statute)

# Summary of the Act

- R.S. 23:1314
  - Employer/Payor can only file 1008 if alleging 1208 fraud.
- R.S. 23:1201.1
  - Does not apply to disputes over medical necessity
  - Provides Employer/Payor with Potential Safe Harbor
    - So long as provisions of 23:1201.1 are followed
  - Authorizes Modification, Suspension, Termination or Controversion of Compensation or Medical Benefits Without Prior Order
    - As long as provisions of 23:1201.1 are followed

# R.S. 23:1201.1

- Applies to the first payment of compensation or upon any modification, suspension, termination, or controversion of compensation or medical benefits for any reason, including but not limited to issues of medical causation, compensability of the claim, or issues arising out of R.S. 23:1121, 1124, 1208, and 1226
  - 1121- COP Hearing
  - 1124- Failure to attend SMO/IME: results in suspension of comp
  - 1208- Fraud: results in termination of benefitis
  - 1226- Failure to attend voc: results in 50% reduction
  - Also includes suspension for failure to return LWC-WC Form1020/1025 per Title 40
  - Form 1026 not mentioned



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