

**WAC 388-447-0050 Progressive evaluation process step III—How does the department determine the severity of physical impairments?** "Severity of a physical impairment" means the degree that an impairment restricts you from performing the basic work-related activities in WAC 388-447-0001. Severity ratings range from one to five, with five being the most severe. We assign severity ratings based on the table in WAC 388-447-0020.

(1) We assign to each physical impairment a severity rating that is supported by medical evidence.

(2) If your physical impairment is rated two, and there is no mental impairment or a mental impairment that is rated one, we deny incapacity.

(3) If your physical impairment is rated five, we approve incapacity.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.08.090, 74.08A.100, 74.04.770, 74.08.025, 74.62.030, and 2013 2nd sp.s. c 10. WSR 13-24-044, § 388-447-0050, filed 11/26/13, effective 1/1/14.]