

**876—2.4(85,86) Guides to evaluation of permanent impairment.** The Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment, Fifth Edition, published by the American Medical Association are adopted for determining the extent of loss or percentage of impairment for permanent partial disabilities and payment of weekly compensation for permanent partial scheduled injuries under Iowa Code section 85.34(2) not involving a determination of reduction in an employee's earning capacity. Payment so made shall be recognized by the workers' compensation commissioner as a prima facie showing of compliance by the employer or insurance carrier with the foregoing sections of the Iowa workers' compensation Act. Nothing in this rule shall be construed to prevent the presentations of other medical opinions or other material evidence for the purpose of establishing that the degree of permanent disability to which the claimant would be entitled would be more or less than the entitlement indicated in the Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment, Fifth Edition, when the reduction in earning capacity for all other permanent partial and permanent total disabilities is determined.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 85.34(2) and 86.8.  
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