

## **53668 Medical Consultant**

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The hearing officer may be assisted by a medical consultant employed by the Department. The medical consultant shall have expertise or qualifications appropriate to the subject matter of the dispute, when possible.

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**(d)**

The medical consultant may submit additional reports, as may be appropriate, if the hearing record is held open for the introduction of additional evidence. The parties shall have the opportunity for rebuttal in accordance with Section 53670.