

**BOARD MINUTE – NOVEMBER 26, 2004**

**CONSUMER PRICE INDEX ADJUSTMENT OF FUNERAL AND OTHER DEATH EXPENSES**

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Section 25.2 of the *Workers Compensation Act* ("Act") requires some dollar figures in the Act to be adjusted by the Board annually according to changes in the Consumer Price Index.

Apart from the figures in the Act, the policies of the Board contain various dollar allowances or amounts. With regard to funeral and other death expenses, the Board of Directors have resolved to make Consumer Price Index adjustments to the amounts on January 1 of each year (Item C8-54.00 of the *Rehabilitation Services and Claims Manual*, Volume II).

As a result, the rates set out below are effective January 1, 2005.

Funeral & Other Death Expenses (Item C8-54.00)

	<b>January 1, 2004 Dollar Amount</b>	<b>Cha nge to</b>	<b>January 1, 2005 Dollar Amount</b>
Funeral expenses-maximum	7,283.64		7,450.26
Transportation of body-maximum	1,150.76		1,177.08

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President & CEO

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**CONSUMER PRICE INDEX ADJUSTMENTS OF VARIOUS ALLOWANCES AND AMOUNTS CONTAINED IN THE *REHABILITATION SERVICES & CLAIMS MANUAL***

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Section 25.2 of the *Workers Compensation Act* ("Act") requires some dollar figures in the Act to be adjusted by the Board annually according to changes in the Consumer Price Index.

Apart from the figures in the Act, the policies of the Board contain various dollar allowances or amounts. These amounts are adjusted on January 1 of each year in accordance with the consumer price index.

As a result, the rates set out below are effective January 1, 2005.

(The bracketed references are to the *Rehabilitation Services and Claims Manual* Volume II)

**Disfigurements Maximums/Minimums (policy item #43.20)**

	<b>Minimum</b>	<b>Minimum</b>	<b>Maximum</b>	<b>Maximum</b>
	<b>January 1, 2004</b>	<b>January 1, 2005</b>	<b>January 1, 2004</b>	<b>January 1, 2005</b>
<b>Head &amp; Neck</b>				
1.	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 4,880.07	\$ 4,991.71
2.	4,880.07	4,991.71	9,760.13	9,983.40
3.	9,760.13	9,983.40	29,646.34	30,324.52
4.	29,646.34	30,324.52	49,410.58	50,540.89
<b>Each Hand</b>				
1.	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,586.02	\$ 1,622.30
2.	1,586.02	1,622.30	3,294.04	3,369.39
3.	3,294.04	3,369.39	9,760.13	9,983.40
4.	9,760.13	9,983.40	16,470.18	16,846.95

	<b>Minimum</b>	<b>Minimum</b>	<b>Maximum</b>	<b>Maximum</b>
	<b>January 1, 2004</b>	<b>January 1, 2005</b>	<b>January 1, 2004</b>	<b>January 1, 2005</b>
<b>Each Arm</b>				
1.	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,220.00	\$ 1,247.91
2.	1,220.00	1,247.91	2,440.03	2,495.85
3.	2,440.03	2,495.85	7,442.07	7,612.31
4.	7,442.07	7,612.31	12,322.16	12,604.04
<b>Each Leg</b>				
1.	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 854.00	\$ 873.54
2.	854.00	873.54	1,586.02	1,622.30
3.	1,586.02	1,622.30	4,880.07	4,991.71
4.	4,880.07	4,991.71	8,147.10	8,333.47
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1.	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 854.00	\$ 873.54
2.	854.00	873.54	1,586.02	1,622.30
3.	1,586.02	1,622.30	4,880.07	4,991.71
4.	4,880.07	4,991.71	8,147.10	8,333.47

**Personal Care Allowance (policy item #80.20)**

	<b>Daily</b>	<b>Daily</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>
	<b>January 1, 2004</b>	<b>January 1, 2005</b>	<b>January 1, 2004</b>	<b>January 1, 2005</b>
<b>Level 1</b>	\$ 13.90	\$ 14.22	\$ 418.46	\$ 428.03
<b>Level 2</b>	23.69	24.23	732.10	748.85
<b>Level 3</b>	35.23	36.04	1,057.44	1,081.63
<b>Level 4</b>	45.62	46.66	1,371.08	1,402.44
<b>Level 5</b>	56.25	57.54	1,685.10	1,723.65

**Independence and Home and Maintenance Allowance (policy item #81.00)**

The amount is increased from \$221.21 to \$226.27.

**Kilometer Allowance (policy item #82.20)**

The amount is increased from 32 cents to 33 cents per kilometer.

**Meal Allowance (policy item #83.20)**

	<b>January 1, 2004</b>	<b>January 1, 2005</b>
<b>Breakfast</b>	\$ 10.36	\$ 10.60
<b>Lunch</b>	12.78	13.07
<b>Dinner</b>	21.96	22.46
<b>Total</b>	45.10	46.13

**Cost Shifting between Classes (policy item #114.11)**

The Board interprets the word "substantial" in section 10(8) to mean a specific dollar amount.

The amount will be increased from \$38,740.22 to \$39,626.43.

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