

BOARD MINUTE – December 2, 2005

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX ADJUSTMENT OF FUNERAL AND OTHER DEATH EXPENSES

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, 2006.

Funeral & Other Death Expenses (Item C8-54.00)

	January 1, 2005 Dollar Amount	Change to	January 1, 2006 Dollar Amount
Funeral expenses-maximum	7,450.26		7,646.63
Transportation of body-maximum	1,177.08		1,208.11

BY THE BOARD

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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*

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, 2006.

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

Disfigurements Maximums/Minimums (policy item #43.20)

	Minimum	Minimum	Maximum	Maximum
	January 1, 2005	January 1, 2006	January 1, 2005	January 1, 2006
Head & Neck				
1.	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 4,991.71	\$ 5,123.28
2.	4,991.71	5,123.28	9,983.40	10,246.54
3.	9,983.40	10,246.54	30,324.52	31,123.81
4.	30,324.52	31,123.81	50,540.89	51,873.04
Each Hand				
1.	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,622.30	\$ 1,665.06
2.	1,622.30	1,665.06	3,369.39	3,458.20
3.	3,369.39	3,458.20	9,983.40	10,246.54
4.	9,983.40	10,246.54	16,846.95	17,291.00

	Minimum	Minimum	Maximum	Maximum
	January 1, 2005	January 1, 2006	January 1, 2005	January 1, 2006
Each Arm				
1.	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,247.91	\$ 1,280.80
2.	1,247.91	1,280.80	2,495.85	2,561.64
3.	2,495.85	2,561.64	7,612.31	7,812.95
4.	7,612.31	7,812.95	12,604.04	12,936.26
Each Leg				
1.	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 873.54	\$ 896.56
2.	873.54	896.56	1,622.30	1,665.06
3.	1,622.30	1,665.06	4,991.71	5,123.28
4.	4,991.71	5,123.28	8,333.47	8,553.12
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1.	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 873.54	\$ 896.56
2.	873.54	896.56	1,622.30	1,665.06
3.	1,622.30	1,665.06	4,991.71	5,123.28
4.	4,991.71	5,123.28	8,333.47	8,553.12

Personal Care Allowance (policy item #80.20)

	Daily	Daily	Monthly	Monthly
	January 1, 2005	January 1, 2006	January 1, 2005	January 1, 2006
Level 1	\$ 14.22	\$ 14.59	\$ 428.03	\$ 439.31
Level 2	24.23	24.87	748.85	768.59
Level 3	36.04	36.99	1,081.63	1,110.14
Level 4	46.66	47.89	1,402.44	1,439.41
Level 5	57.54	59.06	1,723.65	1,769.08

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

The amount is increased from \$226.27 to \$232.23.

Kilometer Allowance (policy item #82.20)

The amount is increased from 33 cents to 34 cents per kilometer.

Meal Allowance (policy item #83.20)

	January 1, 2005	January 1, 2006
Breakfast	\$ 10.60	\$ 10.88
Lunch	13.07	13.41
Dinner	22.46	23.05
Total	46.13	47.35

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 \$39,626.43 to \$40,670.90.

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