

BOARD MINUTE – November 30, 2007

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, 2008.

(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, 2007	January 1, 2008	January 1, 2007	January 1, 2008
Head & Neck				
1.	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 5,171.12	\$ 5,294.47
2.	5,171.12	5,294.47	10,342.23	10,588.93
3.	10,342.23	10,588.93	31,414.46	32,163.80
4.	31,414.46	32,163.80	52,357.46	53,606.35
Each Hand				
1.	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,680.61	\$ 1,720.70
2.	1,680.61	1,720.70	3,490.49	3,573.75
3.	3,490.49	3,573.75	10,342.23	10,588.93
4.	10,342.23	10,588.93	17,452.47	17,868.77

	Minimum	Minimum	Maximum	Maximum
	January 1, 2007	January 1, 2008	January 1, 2007	January 1, 2008
Each Arm				
1.	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,292.76	\$ 1,323.60
2.	1,292.76	1,323.60	2,585.56	2,647.23
3.	2,585.56	2,647.23	7,885.91	8,074.01
4.	7,885.91	8,074.01	13,057.07	13,368.52
Each Leg				
1.	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 904.93	\$ 926.52
2.	904.93	926.52	1,680.61	1,720.70
3.	1,680.61	1,720.70	5,171.12	5,294.47
4.	5,171.12	5,294.47	8,632.99	8,838.91
Torso				
1.	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 904.93	\$ 926.52
2.	904.93	926.52	1,680.61	1,720.70
3.	1,680.61	1,720.70	5,171.12	5,294.47
4.	5,171.12	5,294.47	8,632.99	8,838.91

Funeral & Other Death Expenses (Item C8-54.00)

	January 1, 2007	January 1, 2008
Funeral expenses-maximum	\$ 7,718.04	\$ 7,902.14
Transportation of body-maximum	1,219.39	1,248.48

Clothing Allowances (policy item #79.00)

	July 1, 2007	January 1, 2008
Single Upper Limb Amputee	\$ 290.47	\$ 297.40
Bilateral Upper Limb Amputee	582.37	596.26
Lower Limb Amputee or Requires a Leg Brace	582.37	596.26
Upper and Lower Limb Amputee	872.94	893.76

Personal Care Allowance (policy item #80.20)

	Daily January 1, 2007	Daily January 1, 2008	Monthly January 1, 2007	Monthly January 1, 2008
Level 1	\$ 14.73	\$ 15.08	\$ 443.41	\$ 453.99
Level 2	25.10	25.70	775.77	794.27
Level 3	37.34	38.23	1,120.51	1,147.24
Level 4	48.34	49.49	1,452.85	1,487.51
Level 5	59.61	61.03	1,785.60	1,828.19

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

The amount is increased from \$234.40 to \$239.99.

Kilometer Allowance (policy item #82.20)

The amount is increased from 34 cents to 35 cents per kilometer.

Meal Allowance (policy item #83.20)

	January 1, 2007	January 1, 2008
Breakfast	\$ 10.98	\$ 11.24
Lunch	13.54	13.86
Dinner	23.27	23.83
Total	47.79	48.93

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 \$41,050.71 to \$42,029.90.

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