

WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

6951 Westminster Highway, Richmond, BC V7C 1C6

BOARD MINUTE – November 30, 2009**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, 2010.

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

Disfigurements Maximums/Minimums (policy item #43.20)

	Dollar Value Per Point Within Class 2009	Dollar Value Per Point Within Class 2010
Head & Neck		
1.	248.97	249.19
2.	239.01	239.22
3.	973.96	974.81
4.	967.99	968.84
Each Hand		
1.	80.92	80.99
2.	83.65	83.72
3.	316.69	316.97
4.	328.63	328.92

	Dollar Value Per Point Within Class 2009	Dollar Value Per Point Within Class 2010
Each Arm		
1.	62.25	62.30
2.	59.76	59.81
3.	244.98	245.19
4.	239.01	239.22
Each Leg		
1.	43.57	43.61
2.	35.86	35.89
3.	161.34	161.48
4.	160.01	160.15
Torso		
1.	43.57	43.61
2.	35.86	35.89
3.	161.34	161.48
4.	160.01	160.15

Funeral & Other Death Expenses (Item C8-54.00)

	2009	2010
Funeral expenses-maximum	\$ 8,107.48	\$ 8,114.56
Transportation of body-maximum	1,280.92	1,282.04

Clothing Allowances (policy item #79.00)

	2009	2010
Single Upper Limb Amputee	\$ 305.13	\$ 305.40
Bilateral Upper Limb Amputee	611.75	612.28
Lower Limb Amputee or Requires a Leg Brace	611.75	612.28
Upper and Lower Limb Amputee	916.98	917.78

Personal Care Allowance (policy item #80.20)

	Daily 2009	Daily 2010	Monthly 2009	Monthly 2010
Level 1	\$ 15.47	\$ 15.48	\$ 465.79	\$ 466.20
Level 2	26.37	26.39	814.91	815.62
Level 3	39.22	39.25	1,177.05	1,178.08
Level 4	50.78	50.82	1,526.16	1,527.49
Level 5	62.62	62.67	1,875.70	1,877.34

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

The amount is increased from \$246.23 to \$246.45.

Kilometer Allowance (policy item #82.20)

The amount remains 36 cents per kilometer.

Meal Allowance (policy item #83.20)

	2009	2010
Breakfast	\$ 11.53	\$ 11.54
Lunch	14.22	14.23
Dinner	24.45	24.47
Total	50.20	50.24

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 \$43,122.07 to \$43,159.73.

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