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Section Title: Benefits Administration – *Healthcare Services*
Subject: Medical Reports
Effective Date: July 1, 2006

A. POLICY

The Workers Compensation Board (WCB) will pay healthcare professionals a fee for the completion of prescribed forms of medical or narrative reports on WCB claimants. The applicable reporting fee schedule will be established by the WCB in consultation with Doctors Manitoba or other healthcare professional organization. Both solicited and unsolicited reports may be paid for, as defined by the WCB from time to time. Medical and narrative reports that the WCB solicits from healthcare providers will be paid for according to the fee schedule and according to the following criteria.

The WCB will pay for unsolicited medical or narrative reports submitted by workers, their representatives, or their dependants during the course of a reconsideration or appeal when the reports add new and relevant information that is useful in making an adjudicative decision. The WCB will pay for such reports regardless of the outcome of that decision. The WCB will not pay for an unsolicited medical or narrative report if it is a summary or a reconstitution of existing medical evidence or contains no new information of value to the adjudicative process. The amount paid for unsolicited medical or narrative reports that meet these criteria will be the same as paid for reports directly requested by the WCB.

The WCB reserves the right to deny payment of reporting fees where the reports do not meet the WCB's quality and operating requirements.

B. REFERENCES

The Workers Compensation Act, sections 20 and 27

History:

1. Effective September 1, 1990, the Board adopted the revised Healthcare Report formats established by Board Order 24/90.
2. The Administrative Guidelines have been revised.
3. The policy was revised to clarify when and how much the WCB will pay for both solicited and unsolicited medical or narrative reports. Approved on June 22, 2006, by Board Order No 18/06 effective July 1, 2006.
4. Minor formatting changes were made to the policy and organizational titles have been updated, June 27, 2012.
5. Reference section revised to remove an outdated reference, August 24, 2016.
6. In May 2020, section C. Medical Report Fees was updated to reflect the latest fee amounts negotiated between the WCB and Doctors Manitoba. The table length was also revised to show only the relevant 5-year history. The history section was reduced by removing the entries related to schedule. As well, minor formatting changes were made to the policy.
7. Minor formatting changes were made to the policy February 2021.
8. In September 2022, the policy was updated to reflect the amendment and renumbering of section 27 by *The Workers Compensation Amendment Act* (commonly referred to as Bill 18).

C. MEDICAL REPORT FEES

EFFECTIVE DATE	REPORT FEE	
	Doctor Initial Report (Form 4)	Doctor Progress Report (Form 7)
January 1, 2021	\$66.50	\$57.19
January 1, 2020	65.84	56.62
January 1, 2017	65.35	56.20
January 1, 2016	63.30	54.45
January 1, 2015	61.60	53.00

The reporting fee amounts for doctors reflect the amounts set out in the agreements between the WCB and Doctors Manitoba.

The above table displays reporting fee amounts over a five-year period. A historical summary of fee amounts for doctors can be obtained by contacting: policy@wcb.mb.ca.