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Section Title: Benefits Administration - *Adjudication and Compensation*
Subject: Shoulder Dislocations
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A. POLICY

The compensability of dislocations is affected not only by the work-related circumstances of each occurrence, but also by any history of dislocations of the worker.

When a worker's initial dislocation was compensable, subsequent dislocations, regardless of whether they occur at work, are generally compensable.

When a worker suffers a work-related dislocation and has had a previous dislocation which did not arise out of employment, acceptance of the claim will depend upon the circumstances surrounding the injury.

When information confirms that surgery was required before the current work-related injury, the surgery will not be covered by the Workers Compensation Board.

B. REFERENCES

The Workers Compensation Act, sections 4(1) and 4(5)

The Workers Compensation Act, section 42(1) (**Prior to January 1, 1992**)

History:

1. Approved by the Board of Directors by Board Order 9/91 on June 19, 1991, effective immediately.
2. The guidelines and procedures have been deleted – November 2002.
3. Minor formatting and grammatical changes were made to the policy and the history section was updated, June 27, 2012.
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