

Section Title: Benefits Administration - Healthcare Services
Subject: Out-of-Province Referrals for Clinical Examinations
Effective Date: May 29, 1985

A. POLICY

Referral of a claimant to out-of-province healthcare consultants or clinics may be authorized by the Workers Compensation Board, on request from a referring practitioner.

B. REFERENCES

The Workers Compensation Act, sections 27(1) and 27(10)

History:

1. Policy approved by the Board of Directors by Board Order 82/85 on May 29, 1985, effective immediately.
2. Minor formatting and grammatical changes were made to the policy and a history section was added, June 27, 2012.

C. ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES

1. Generally, the WCB will not authorize referrals to out-of-province healthcare service providers when the same exam/treatment/procedure is available in Manitoba.
2. All referrals to an out-of-province consultant/clinic by a worker's attending practitioner must be pre-approved by WCB Healthcare Services before the worker is referred.