

INFORMATION BULLETIN

Hospital Providers

New Rate for Preferred Accommodation

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Effective May 13, 2011, the rate for fee code **19741 - Preferred Accommodation** will be increased from \$145 to \$180. This fee covers both the private or semi-private room rates and reflects a current and reasonable charge for this service.

Please be advised that Preferred Accommodation must be pre-approved by a WorkSafeBC Officer (Claim Owner/Case Manager).

Please note that under legislation, providers are explicitly restricted from billing injured workers any additional costs above and beyond the pre-approved Preferred Accommodation rates set by WorkSafeBC described above.

The Workers' Compensation Act, Sub-section 21(6) states,

“...the Board may contract with... hospitals and other institutions for any health care required... and the amount must be fixed and determined by the Board, and no action for an amount larger than that fixed by the Board lies in respect of health care.”

Please cease billing injured workers any additional costs, effective immediately.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.