

INFORMATION BULLETIN

Pain Management Program Providers

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Contract Changes for September 1, 2011

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As of September 1, 2011, the Pain Management Program contract term has been extended to August 31, 2014. This bulletin highlights some of the changes to the contract. A replacement Agreement has been mailed to Providers.

SYMPATHETICALLY-MEDIATED PAIN REHABILITATION SERVICES

The Sympathetically-Mediated Pain Rehabilitation Services (SPRS) will be rolled into the Pain Management Program.

The SPRS has been extremely successful and now all providers are expected to provide the service of coordinating and monitoring sympathetic blocks. The Orion Health Canmore facility will be exempt from this requirement due to their location in Alberta (refer Schedule A, Staffing Requirement, #2.3.7).

DIAGNOSTIC/THERAPEUTIC INJECTION COORDINATION

As part of the Pain and Medication Management Assessment, the Provider is expected to make recommendations on the need for diagnostic/therapeutic injections including sympathetic ganglion blocks. This may include consultation with the Anesthetist associated with the program. Once these recommendations have been discussed and verbally approved by the Claim Owner, the Provider can book the injections with the Anesthetist associated with the program. The Pain Management team is also responsible for the ongoing monitoring of the effect and need for ongoing injections.

For Workers who receive sympathetic ganglion blocks

- The Provider arranges transportation with a designated transportation company from the clinic to the surgical facility and back
- The Physiotherapist must assess the effects of the block on the CPRS symptoms within 4 hours of the block.

BOOKING TRANSPORTATION FOR SYMPATHETIC BLOCKS

- The Provider will contact the Team Assistant (TA) to request that a “**Taxi Authorization**” form (68M6) be sent to the designated Transportation Provider.



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- The Pain Management Provider will provide the Team Assistant with the time frame anticipated for all blocks, the address of their facility and the surgical facility.
- The TA will complete the “**Taxi Authorization**” form and send it to the designated Transport Provider
- The Provider will book each specific appointment directly with the designated transportation provider once the Transportation Provider has received the “**Taxi Authorization**” form
- The Transportation Provider will bill WorkSafeBC directly

Designated Transport Providers:

Lower Mainland Victoria	SN Transport Driving Miss Daisy	1-800-768-0044 1-250-588-4638
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FEE INCREASES

Please note that the following services have had a change in fees:

1100110	Pain and Medication Management Assessment and Report	\$1800
1100124	Pain Management Program: RTW Monitoring Fee	\$795
1100133	Individual Clinician Sessions Psychologist	\$156.86/ hourly rate

NEW FEE CODES

There are three new or modified fee codes:

1100122	Pain Management Program: Initial Job Site Visit Fee and Report	\$425
1142272	Pain Management Program: Subsequent Job Site Visit Fee and Report	\$290
1135874	Diagnostic / Therapeutic Injection Coordination	\$268
1100141	Medication Expense	\$1.50 / per card

- Providers can bill \$268.00 for the coordination of each injection that is performed by an Anesthetist up to a maximum of 14 per Injured Worker
- The Medication Expense is for the cost of dispensing medication in blister packs. \$1.50 can be invoiced per card per week.

OTHER CHANGES

Pre Authorized Travel Time:

Travel time is no longer included in the fee for JSV. Pre Authorized travel can be billed from your facility to the job site and back. Only travel over 2 hours requires authorization from the Claim Owner prior to doing the JSV.

Individual Clinician Sessions and RTW Monitoring:



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Providers can now invoice for Customized Services - Individual Clinician Sessions during the RTW monitoring. This cannot be billed by any clinician who is monitoring the RTW. Individual Clinician Sessions can be billed at the hourly rate of the team member.

REFERENCE MANUAL

An updated version of the reference manual will be sent with the bulletin. Please ensure that all staff has the most recent version of the reference manual.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

The Canadian Society of Addiction Medicine Annual Meeting will be held in Vancouver this year from November 4 to 8. Information about the session can be found at the following link.

http://www.csam.org/Annual_Meeting/

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us.