

INFORMATION BULLETIN

PHYSIOTHERAPISTS

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Transition from the current Physiotherapy Agreement to the new Agreement

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This communication is to remind you that Health Care Services will be implementing a new *Physiotherapy Services Memorandum of Agreement* on Friday September 1, 2006. Physiotherapists are not required to sign this *Agreement*. Physiotherapists are required to provide treatment to injured workers in accordance with the *Physiotherapy Services Memorandum of Agreement*.

IMPORTANT

WorkSafeBC will update worker files on September 5, 2006, for those currently receiving treatment:

- Any treatment approved for a duration equal to, or less than, 6 weeks will be converted to Stream 1 - 'Standard Treatment'.
 - The fee code 19202 will be used for any subsequent visits starting September 1, 2006.
- Any treatment approved for a duration of more than 6 weeks will be converted to Stream 2 - 'Exception to Standard Treatment'.
 - The fee code 19184 will be used for subsequent visits starting September 1, 2006.
 - An 'Exception to Standard Treatment Report' is not required during this transition phase, though a Board Officer may ask for a 'Requested Report'.
- You may check the updated treatment duration for a worker by calling the Call Centre at 1-888-967-5377, or online at <https://online.worksafebc.com/anonymous/claimstatus/claim-check.asp> on or after September 5, 2006.

Please do not invoice for service dates on or after September 1, 2006 until September 5, 2006.

Board officers have the ability to manually alter the above updates, if appropriate, and will communicate any changes to you.

Please contact Health Care Services if you have any questions.

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