

## Resolution of the Panel of Administrators

**Number: 2002/06/18/01**

**Date: June 11, 2002**

**Subject: Authority to Approve Cost of Living Adjustments**

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### **WHEREAS:**

Pursuant to section 82 of the *Workers Compensation Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, Chapter 492 and amendments thereto ("Act"), the Panel of Administrators ("Panel") must approve and superintend the policies and direction of the Workers' Compensation Board ("Board"), including policies respecting compensation, assessment, rehabilitation and occupational safety and health, and must review and approve the operating policies of the Board;

### **AND WHEREAS:**

On February 3, 1992 and October 26, 1992, the governors authorized the president and the chief executive officer to approve routine consumer price index adjustments in accordance with section 25 of the Act, and on December 11, 1996, the Panel authorized the president and chief executive officer to approve amendments to the Board's policy documents to implement these adjustments;

### **AND WHEREAS:**

On December 18, 1998, the Panel granted authority to the director general, Policy and Regulation Development Bureau ("Bureau"), to make "housekeeping" changes to the Board's policy documents;

### **AND WHEREAS:**

On May 30, 2002, the lieutenant governor of the Province of British Columbia gave Royal Assent to the *Workers Compensation Amendment Act, 2002* ("Amendment Act, 2002"), which provides for various changes to the benefits structure, including the approach to making cost of living adjustments;

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**AND WHEREAS:**

The Board has been advised that changes contemplated in sections 11 and 12 of the *Amendment Act, 2002*, which repeal section 25 of the Act and enact new cost of living adjustment provisions (sections 25, 25.1, 25.2 and 25.3 of the Act), will be forthcoming;

**THE PANEL OF ADMINISTRATORS RESOLVES THAT:**

1. Authority is assigned to the president and chief executive officer to:
  - (a) approve the indexing factors determined under sections 25 and 25.1 of the Act,
  - (b) approve the adjusted dollar amounts determined under sections 25.2 and 25.3 of the Act,
  - (c) approve the adjusted dollar value of discretionary allowances and amounts described in the *Rehabilitation Services and Claims Manual* which are periodically adjusted in accordance with the appropriate indexing factor, and
  - (d) execute the necessary documentation of the decisions under paragraphs 1(a), (b) and (c).
2. Authority is assigned to the director general of the Bureau to make changes to the Board's published policy documents to reflect the decisions of the president and chief executive officer under paragraph 1.
3. This resolution is effective on the date that sections 11 and 12 of the *Amendment Act, 2002* come into force.

DATED at Richmond, British Columbia, June 11, 2002.