

BOARD MINUTE – November 27, 2008**CONSUMER PRICE INDEX ADJUSTMENTS OF VARIOUS ALLOWANCES AND AMOUNTS CONTAINED IN THE *REHABILITATION SERVICES & CLAIMS MANUAL***

Section 25.2 of the *Workers Compensation Act* ("Act") requires some dollar figures in the Act to be adjusted by the Board annually according to changes in the Consumer Price Index.

Apart from the figures in the Act, the policies of the Board contain various dollar allowances or amounts. These amounts are adjusted on January 1 of each year in accordance with the consumer price index.

As a result, the rates set out below are effective January 1, 2009.

(The bracketed references are to the *Rehabilitation Services and Claims Manual* Volume II)

Disfigurements Maximums/Minimums (policy item #43.20)

	Dollar Value Per Point Within Class 2008	Dollar Value Per Point Within Class 2009
Head & Neck		
1.	242.66	248.97
2.	232.96	239.01
3.	949.29	973.96
4.	943.47	967.99
Each Hand		
1.	78.87	80.92
2.	81.53	83.65
3.	308.67	316.69
4.	320.31	328.63

	Dollar Value Per Point Within Class 2008	Dollar Value Per Point Within Class 2009
Each Arm		
1.	60.67	62.25
2.	58.25	59.76
3.	238.78	244.98
4.	232.96	239.01
Each Leg		
1.	42.47	43.57
2.	34.95	35.86
3.	157.25	161.34
4.	155.96	160.01
Torso		
1.	42.47	43.57
2.	34.95	35.86
3.	157.25	161.34
4.	155.96	160.01

Funeral & Other Death Expenses (Item C8-54.00)

	2008	2009
Funeral expenses-maximum	\$ 7,902.14	\$ 8,107.48
Transportation of body-maximum	1,248.48	1,280.92

Clothing Allowances (policy item #79.00)

	2008	2009
Single Upper Limb Amputee	\$ 297.40	\$ 305.13
Bilateral Upper Limb Amputee	596.26	611.75
Lower Limb Amputee or Requires a Leg Brace	596.26	611.75
Upper and Lower Limb Amputee	893.76	916.98

Personal Care Allowance (policy item #80.20)

	Daily 2008	Daily 2009	Monthly 2008	Monthly 2009
Level 1	\$ 15.08	\$ 15.47	\$ 453.99	\$ 465.79
Level 2	25.70	26.37	794.27	814.91
Level 3	38.23	39.22	1,147.24	1,177.05
Level 4	49.49	50.78	1,487.51	1,526.16
Level 5	61.03	62.62	1,828.19	1,875.70

Independence and Home and Maintenance Allowance (policy item #81.00)

The amount is increased from \$239.99 to \$246.23.

Kilometer Allowance (policy item #82.20)

The amount is increased from 35 cents to 36 cents per kilometer.

Meal Allowance (policy item #83.20)

	2008	2009
Breakfast	\$ 11.24	\$ 11.53
Lunch	13.86	14.22
Dinner	23.83	24.45
Total	48.93	50.20

Cost Shifting between Classes (policy item #114.11)

The Board interprets the word "substantial" in section 10(8) to mean a specific dollar amount.

The amount will be increased from \$42,029.90 to \$43,122.07.

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