

Information Bulletin

March 2, 2018

**Attention: Expedited Surgical Facility Services
(ESFS) Providers**

Subject: Overnight Stays

In the new Expedited Surgical Facility Services Agreement, the reference to Overnight Stays in Schedule A section 10(h) and Schedule B section 3(f) in the event of a complication arising from a Procedure, might not be broad enough to capture reasons why a surgeon or anaesthesiologist might recommend an Overnight Stay for an Injured Worker. Examples may include an Injured Worker not being able to self-drive home following the Procedure, for reasons related to pain or because of residual effects of post-surgical recovery that may limit the ability to drive in inclement weather.

WorkSafeBC is pleased to provide the following confirmation with respect to the Expedited Surgical Facility Services Agreement made effective as of February 1, 2018 between you and Workers' Compensation Board, doing business as WorkSafeBC:

WorkSafeBC confirms that Schedule A section 10(h) and Schedule B section 3(f) are not intended to be restrictive, and would include any circumstance where as a result of the Procedure and the combination of any factor, a surgeon or anaesthesiologist recommends an Overnight Stay for an Injured Worker related to a Procedure (termed a complication in those sections). WorkSafeBC further confirms that you would be entitled to payment under Schedule B section 3(f) if at any time during the Term a surgeon or anaesthesiologist is of the opinion that an Overnight Stay is required.

Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns regarding Overnight Stays.

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