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**Chapter:
CLAIMS**

**Subject:
CLOTHING ALLOWANCE**

**Effective Date:
April 14, 1995**

**Last Updated:
August 21, 2014**

REFERENCE:

Workers Compensation Act R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. W-7.1, Section 18.

DEFINITION:

POLICY:

1. The Workers Compensation Board may provide a clothing allowance to a worker who has additional wear to his/her clothing due to a compensable injury, which involves:
 - the wearing of a prosthetic device;
 - the wearing of an orthotic brace; or
 - wheelchair use.
 2. The Workers Compensation Board will not reimburse a worker for clothing damaged in an accident or destroyed during removal to attend to an injury.
 3. Where the Workers Compensation Board approves entitlement to the clothing allowance, the effective date will be the date the worker commences wearing a prosthetic device, orthotic brace, or requires wheelchair use. The Workers Compensation Board will prorate the initial payment from the effective date of the clothing allowance to December 31 of that year.
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4. The Workers Compensation Board will pay the clothing allowance in January of each year. This payment covers the twelve month period of the current year. Once a worker is approved for a clothing allowance, the allowance will be renewed annually for as long as required due to wearing a prosthetic device, orthotic brace, or wheelchair use.

5. The Workers Compensation Board will pay a clothing allowance, to a maximum of \$750 per year, at the following rates:

Upper limb:	\$350
Lower limb:	\$400
Wheelchair use:	\$750

HISTORY:

August 21, 2014 - The yearly clothing allowance reimbursement was increased from \$225 to \$350 and \$450 to \$750.

April 3, 2007 - The policy was reviewed as a result of the 60 month policy review process. No changes were made to the policy during this review.

December 13, 2001 - Replaces policy on "Clothing Allowance" dated March 14, 1995

Board of Directors Approval Date: March 14, 1995