

**POLICY NUMBER: POL-92**

---

**Chapter:**  
**CLAIMS**

**Subject:**  
**MEDICAL AID**

**Effective Date:**  
**September 26, 2002**

**Last Update:**  
**April 25, 2013**

---

**REFERENCE:**

*Workers Compensation Act R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. W-7.1, Section 1 (1) (r), 18.*  
Workers Compensation Board Policy, POL-03, Travel And Related Expenses.  
Workers Compensation Board Policy, POL-64, Health Care Providers.

---

**DEFINITION:**

In this policy:

“Medical aid” includes medical, surgical and dental aid, hospital and nursing services, chiropractic services provided by a registered chiropractor, occupation therapy and physiotherapy services provided by a licensed practitioner, x-ray and other treatment, drugs, dressings, appliances, apparatuses, transportation and other goods, services and things the Workers Compensation Board may authorize in promoting the medical rehabilitation of an injured worker.

---

**POLICY:**

1. The Workers Compensation Board will provide every worker who is injured as the result of an accident arising out of and in the course of employment with any medical aid determined necessary by the Workers Compensation Board.
  2. Repairs to appliances and apparatuses, or replacement if determined necessary, may also
-

be authorized, at the discretion of the Workers Compensation Board.

3. All medical aid including requests for surgery, Cat Scans, Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), and other medical aid must be pre-approved by the Workers Compensation Board. Medical aid provided in emergencies, or as provided for under contract with the Workers Compensation Board, may be approved after the medical aid is provided.
4. When a worker is injured in a work accident so seriously that he or she cannot continue working, the employer shall, at his or her own expense, as soon as reasonably possible thereafter, obtain necessary medical aid or convey the worker to a place where such medical aid may be received.

If the employer fails to pay the reasonable charges for obtaining the aid, or for the transportation, the Workers Compensation Board may pay it and charge the employer double the amount of the transportation.

5. Every health care provider, having the care of or having been consulted on any worker, shall furnish to the Workers Compensation Board such objective evidence concerning their treatment of the worker in a form acceptable to the Workers Compensation Board. Claims for medical aid must be made within six (6) months of the date of treatment to be considered for payment.
6. No health care provider, entitled to be paid by the Workers Compensation Board for any services performed or for any medicines or materials supplied, shall make any charge against the worker, the employer, or any person other than the Workers Compensation Board, for such services, medicines or materials.
7. Medical aid includes transportation costs necessary for the worker to receive treatment, other than obtaining medication.

#### **Hospital Room Amenities**

8. Where a worker requires hospitalization as a result of an injury arising out of and in the course of employment, the Workers Compensation Board will not provide for optional room preferences or amenities such as telephones and televisions.

#### **Expedited Medical Aid**

9. The Workers Compensation Board may authorize expedited medical aid.

**POLICY NUMBER: POL-92**

---

10. The fees and charges for expedited medical aid shall not be more than the Workers Compensation Board considers reasonable and proper and will be negotiated with the appropriate service providers as required.

**Out-of-Province Treatment**

11. The Workers Compensation Board will consider out-of-province treatment when the required treatment is not available in Prince Edward Island or the worker's primary residence is in another province and the treatment meets all of the following criteria:
- The treatment is pre-authorized by the Workers Compensation Board;
  - The type of treatment is consistent with existing policy and legislation of the Workers Compensation Board of Prince Edward Island; and
  - The health care provider is recognized by the Workers Compensation Board/ Commission in the jurisdiction where the medical aid is provided.
12. When considering out-of-province treatment options, the Workers Compensation Board will give first consideration to Atlantic Canada treatment options.

---

**HISTORY:**

April 25, 2013 – Amended to move the section on hospital room amenities to this policy from POL-33, “Hospital Room Amenities”, which has been rescinded.

June 23, 2011 – On April 28, 2011 the Board of Directors approved that the section on “out-of-province” be moved into this policy upon final approval of the amended POL-64, “Health Care Providers” policy.

June 24, 2008 - The policy was updated as a result of the 60 month policy review process. A section on expedited medical aid was added to the policy.

Board of Directors Approval Date: September 26, 2002