

Client Services Procedure Manual

Procedure: 18.00

Subject: Acupuncture

1. WorkplaceNL may cover up to six acupuncture treatments per claim where:
 - i. The request for Acupuncture is accompanied by a physician referral indicating the expected benefit of this treatment modality towards the overall function of the injured worker.
 - ii. The acupuncture request relates to the compensable injury.
 - iii. Acupuncture is in conjunction with an active treatment program.
 - iv. The treatment is provided by a health care provider whose profession is regulated within Newfoundland and Labrador, and whose training has been approved and/or recognized through the Acupuncture Foundation of Canada Institute. This would include (but is not limited to) registered Acupuncturists and Doctors of Traditional Chinese Medicine.

Where all of the above criteria are not met, the case may be decided on its individual merits.

2. Where acupuncture has been approved:
 - i. WorkplaceNL pays a maximum of \$40 per treatment. This fee includes any documentation required by WorkplaceNL. A purchase order for \$240 will be issued to the clinic for coverage of six treatments.
 - ii. Approval using a purchase order number must be given by WorkplaceNL prior to coverage of treatment. The treatment provider must not bill WorkplaceNL until all treatments on the purchase order number have been provided, or at the completion of the treatment plan, if less than six treatments were required.
 - iii. The treatment provider must provide documentation to WorkplaceNL for the initial assessment indicating the relevant findings, treatment plan and expected outcome.
 - iv. The treatment provider must provide documentation to WorkplaceNL regarding the outcome of treatment upon the worker's discharge.

Reference: HC-13 Health Care Entitlement

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