

This Bulletin provides a summary of policies and procedures recently revised, rescinded or introduced.

## Health Care Services Policies and Procedures

### **Policy EL-03® Canada Pension Plan Disability Benefits to be Deducted**

Effective November 23, 2017, the policy was revised to more accurately reflect the calculation set out in section 81(3.1) of the *Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Act* (the *Act*) to offset Canada Pension Plan (CPP) or Quebec Pension Plan (QPP) disability benefits from compensation benefits. The revisions do not result in a change in practice as the practice already follows the *Act*.

### **Procedure 60.00 Health Care Fees and Expenses**

Housekeeping revisions were approved on August 16, 2017, to clarify WorkplaceNL's existing practice of procuring taxi services through the public tender process for injured workers who require transportation to attend medical appointments.

### **Policy HC-07 Travel and Accommodation (Claimants)**

Housekeeping revisions were approved on November 23, 2017, to reflect the changes made to Procedure 60.00 Health Care Fees and Expenses.

### **Policy HC-06 Essential Personal Care Coverage**

As part of a regular policy review guided by [WorkplaceNL's Policy Framework](#), Policy HC-06 was reviewed for service delivery issues, impact on daily business operations, appeal trends related to unclear or inconsistent policy interpretation and for any required housekeeping changes. As a result of this review, the policy was approved with no revisions and the next policy review date is scheduled for September 1, 2022.

### **Procedure 69.00 Massage Therapy**

Effective December 1, 2017, WorkplaceNL approved a fee increase, from \$40 to \$48 per session, for massage therapy services. Procedure 69.00 has also been revised to remove the requirement for an initial assessment and discharge reports relating to massage therapy services.