

POLICY NUMBER: POL-44

**Chapter:
CLAIMS**

**Subject:
CLOTHING ALLOWANCE**

**Effective Date:
April 14, 1995**

**Last Updated:
December 16, 2024**

PURPOSE STATEMENT:

The purpose of this policy is to explain the criteria for authorization of a clothing allowance which may be required as a result of a work-related injury.

REFERENCE:

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

DEFINITION:

POLICY:

1. The Workers Compensation Board (WCB) may provide a clothing allowance to a worker for additional wear to their clothing due to a work-related injury.

Additional wear to the worker's clothing may occur as a result of the use of devices or equipment such as, but is not limited to:

- A prosthetic device.
 - A cast.
 - An orthotic brace.
 - An external fixator.
 - A wheelchair.
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2. The clothing allowance will begin on the date the worker starts using the device or equipment.

Temporary Allowance

3. Where the WCB determines that the need for a clothing allowance is temporary, a maximum amount of \$100 per month will be provided to the worker. The allowance may be paid in advance in a lump sum of up to \$1200, based on the anticipated duration of the need.

Long-term Allowance

4. If the WCB determines that the need is long-term, the allowance will be paid annually as a lump sum of \$1200, for as long as it is required.

Expenses Not Eligible for Reimbursement

5. The WCB will not pay for clothing damaged in an accident or destroyed during medical treatment.

HISTORY:

December 16, 2024 – Non-substantive changes made as a result of 60 month review.

March 28, 2019 – Amended to include clothing related to treatment of a workplace injury, temporary allowances, and an increase to a maximum of \$1200 for the annual allowance.

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
