

Association of Workers' Compensation Boards of Canada Association des commissions des accidents du travail du Canada

## **Jurisdictional Update Report**

## Date: September 2014

To: Compensation and Benefits Committee

From: NT/NU

Committee Member: Shara Haggett-Shupe

Committee Mandate		
The AWCBC Compensation & Benefits Committee works collaboratively to share experiences, identify and improve claim-related outcomes and identify and action opportunities around operational, research and policy development initiatives.		
Goals		
1. To share jurisdictional experiences and knowledge		
2. To put before the committee, emerging issues that are deemed high priority, for consideration of planning		
3. To identify, plan, and carry out specific projects for the benefit of the committee members and their respective jurisdictions.		
4. To be available to other AWCBC / national committees to provide input and or partner with when requested.		
5. To provide feedback to AWCBC Executive when required or requested.		

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Improving Return to Work Outcomes/Reducing Durations (Share work that is being done within your organization to support RTW , reduce duration etc )			
1. Organizational Changes to support RTW			
<ul> <li>2. New Initiatives</li> <li>3. Best Practices</li> <li>4. Outcomes</li> </ul>	Workers who are seriously injured with expected time loss of over 3 months will be referred to Vocational Services and offered online courses or other types of training. This trial will start in September and will be reviewed in 1 year. Expectation is that workers will stay out of the disability mindset if they can do something of value while recovering, and if they cannot return to pre-accident work they will have a head start in their VR process.		
Service Delivery / Quality Initiatives Share what is being done in your organization to improve Customer service delivery and to support Quality service/ decisions to stakeholder) 1. New Initiatives 2. Best Practices			
3. Outcomes	Time to First Payment to June 30, 2014 92.10% paid within 20 days Avg TTFP Jan to June 30 13.84 days		

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Emerging Issues / Changes in Policy or Legislation Share information that is related to changes in legislation, policy and other significant changes within your organization.	Our Permanent Medical Impairment Ratings are now based on the most current AMA guide. This now decreases significantly the PMI ratings for Chronic Pain Decreasing from maximum 50% PMI		
	WSCC is undergoing a review of our Pensions system and the plan is to bring it more in line with most, if not all, other Boards in Canada.		
Shared information / opportunities			
Additional Information / Items			

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