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POLICY DECISIONS FINALIZED AT THE NOVEMBER 2013 WORKSAFEBC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2014

The following resolutions were finalized by WorkSafeBC's Board of Directors in November 2013. For information about the function and mandate of the Board of Directors, please see Governing Structure.

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AS A CONSEQUENCE OF TRAUMATIC INJURY

On November 20, 2013, the Board of Directors approved amendments to policy item C3-22.40, Compensable Consequences - Certain Diseases and Conditions, in the Rehabilitation Services & Claims Manual, Volume II.

This policy was amended to delete the section which provided that multiple sclerosis could be precipitated by traumatic injury in a predisposed person.

This policy amendment will come into effect on January 1, 2014 and apply to all decisions, including appellate decisions made on or after that date.

INTEREST ON COMPENSATION BENEFITS

On November 20, 2013, the Board of Directors approved amendments to policy item #50.00, Interest, of the Rehabilitation Services & Claims Manual, Volumes I and II. The amendments remove the blatant Board error test from the Interest policy and pay interest on compensation benefits only as set out in the Workers Compensation Act.

These amendments are effective January 1, 2014, and apply to all decisions made on or after January 1, 2014. The blatant Board error test will continue to apply to reconsiderations, reviews or appeals arising from WorkSafeBC decisions made before January 1, 2014.