

Travel costs

If you must travel outside of your community for WCB-Alberta directed medical treatment or services because they are not available in your community, you will be paid for reasonable costs of travelling. WCB-Alberta will pay for travel only if the treatment you need is not available in your town. If you decide to travel to another location for other reasons, you will be responsible for the costs.

Expenses

Transportation: WCB-Alberta pays for the most economical means of travel, by the most direct route available. Usually this means you will be paid the cost of bus fare. If there is no bus available, WCB-Alberta will pay you \$0.49/km. If you *choose* another means of transportation, you will still only be reimbursed for the most economical means of travel, again, usually bus fare. Only if it is medically unreasonable for you to travel by bus will WCB-Alberta consider paying for travel by another means of transportation.

Meals: If you are required to be away from home due to a WCB-Alberta approved examination or treatment, WCB-Alberta may pay a subsistence allowance (meals) in an amount approved by the Board of Directors.

Accommodations: When you must be away from home for more than 24 hours for a WCB-Alberta approved examination or treatment, WCB-Alberta may pay for lodging at a fixed amount, approved by the Board of Directors, for each 24-hour period away from home.

Travel companion: If you need help travelling for medical reasons, WCB-Alberta will pay your personal attendant for his/her expenses as well.

Babysitting: Childcare expenses are not usually paid to workers attending WCB-Alberta sponsored treatment programs. In special circumstances, assistance is available if the injury or treatment program results in unusual costs that you did not have before the injury.

Leaving Alberta

When advised of your intention to leave Alberta, WCB-Alberta normally continues compensation for a short absence if your doctor confirms that your travel and absence will not delay your recovery. You must apply for consent from WCB-Alberta before leaving. To obtain the consent letter, contact Claimant Services.

If you leave for a lengthy period or permanently, further benefits will be dependent on ongoing medical reports. Benefits may stop if you leave Canada, however special circumstances may be discussed with your case manager.

Claiming travel costs

Before you travel, let your case manager or adjudicator know why, when and where you need to travel for treatment. Provide exact treatment dates and with whom. Receipts may be required for hotel accommodations and taxis, unless this has been pre-arranged. Receipts are not required for meals or for mileage reimbursement. Your case manager or adjudicator will arrange payment for you if it is an acceptable expense.