



Date: July 15, 2026

Time: 11:00 am – Noon

Location: Hybrid J12125 / Teams meeting

Participants: **Committee Co-Chairs**

Adrienne Lozinski, Vice President, Employer Account Services & Claims
Management Support

Sara Schmidt, Vice President, Client Services & Disability Management

Employer representatives

Boris Makale, Civeo

Craig Hrynychuk, Alberta Municipal Health and Safety Association

Leighann Poitras, City of Lethbridge

Sydney Dowhaniuk, PCL Constructors Inc.

Worker representatives

Dewey Funk, United Nurses of Alberta

WCB-Alberta representatives

Marcela Matthew, Vice President, Millard Health & Special Care Services

Ron Goltz, Director, Legal Services for Curtis Craig, Secretary & General Counsel

Wanda Stephens, Manager, Policy Development

Michelle Beavington, Senior Policy Specialist, Policy Development

Meeting minutes

Welcome & Review
of Agenda

Summary:

- Sara opened the meeting, noted the purpose of the committee, welcomed members, and reviewed the agenda. No changes or additions were made.

Updated policies

Summary:

- **Policy 01-00 (Policy Interpretation and Application)**
Wanda provided an update on Policy 01-00 which was published in May 2026. Committee members expressed appreciation for the collaborative nature of the feedback process.
- **Policy 03-01, Addendum A (effective date for use of new editions of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders)**
Wanda noted that Policy 03-01 was revised to reflect an updated effective date for the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM).



- **Policy 04-04, Addendum B (effective date for use of new editions of the American Medical Association Guides)**

Wanda noted that Policy 04-04 was revised to reflect an updated effective date for the American Medical Association (AMA) Guides.

Update on closed consultations

Summary:

- **Policy 01-01 (funding)**

Wanda noted that consultation on the funding policy has closed and WCB is reviewing feedback. A revised policy is expected to go to the Board of Directors for approval in November.

- **Policy 04-10 (housekeeping and home maintenance assistance)**

Sara provided an update on Policy 04-10. Because this is a complex policy, WCB is taking additional time to balance feedback with overall system integrity. Before proceeding with a final draft, WCB is assessing implementation feasibility, gathering financial data, and drafting procedure. WCB will then determine whether the final draft includes material differences from the original consultation posting that would require further consultation.

Policy Project Plan
– June update

Summary:

- **Economic loss payments (ELPs)**

Sara provided an update on the policy review of economic loss payments (ELPs). WCB completed early consultation with internal and external audiences and is drafting policy based on those conversations. The updated policy will consider system integrity and sustainability. Depending on internal feedback on the draft policy, WCB hopes to consult in late fall.

- **Policy 03-01, Part II, Application 6 (psychiatric or psychological Injury)**

Marcela summarized the policy review of psychological injuries. WCB has begun discussions on the current policy with internal and external audiences. WCB hopes to consult in 2027.

- **Emerging Issues**

Adrienne noted that interim relief was added to the Policy Project Plan to ensure policy and process are meeting legislative intent.

- Committee members noted that any planned consultations should consider election timing.



Additional
discussion item:
Industry Custom
Pricing (ICP)

Summary:

- Committee members raised Industry Custom Pricing (ICP) for further discussion.

Action items:

- There are no plans to add ICP to the Policy Project Plan at this time. Further discussion will be facilitated through the Industry Task Force (ITF) subcommittee working group.

Next meeting

Action items:

- Wanda will send out a meeting invite for a date after the September Board of Directors meetings, targeting late October or early November.
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