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REFERENCE:

Workers' Compensation Act, RSA 2000, Part 5 (Medical Aid) and Section 89

POLICY:

WCB may provide *home services* to *eligible workers* who, because of their compensable injuries, need some assistance in maintaining their home.

This policy is effective December 1, 2013, except when noted otherwise in a specific policy section(s).

INTERPRETATION

1.0 Home Services

Home services may include short- or long-term assistance with exterior or interior maintenance, including housekeeping, and short-term assistance with self-care.

In all cases, WCB will first determine whether the injured worker can perform the necessary tasks independently with the help of training and/or assistive devices. If not, WCB will consider eligibility for:

- Short-term Home Assistance
- OR, one or both of
- Home Maintenance Allowance Level 1
- Housekeeping Allowance

See also Policy 04-07 for home services available for workers with severe injuries.

2.0 Eligible Workers

Workers may be eligible for home services if they have functional restrictions due to serious compensable injuries that prevent them from performing necessary self-care or normal home maintenance tasks. Serious injuries include such injuries as rotator cuff tears, ruptured discs, severe ankle/wrist fractures, severe knee injuries (for example,

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torn ACL), and any other injuries of similar severity. It would not include most soft tissue injuries unless the injury is of unusual severity.

Specific eligibility criteria for each type of home service benefit are contained within the relevant policy application.

Please see Part II for additional information on the following subjects:

Application

- 1 – Short-term Home Assistance
- 2 – Home Maintenance Allowance Level 1
- 3 – Housekeeping Allowance

Addendum

- Addendum A – Maximum Home Maintenance Allowance Level 1
- Addendum B – Housekeeping Allowance Amount

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