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**APPLICATION 3 – HOUSEKEEPING ALLOWANCE**

1. *What is a housekeeping allowance?*

A housekeeping allowance is a benefit paid under s.89 of the Act that is intended to optimize or maintain an injured worker’s independence by offsetting the cost of obtaining outside help for housekeeping tasks that the worker is no longer able to do because of the compensable injury.

2. *Who is eligible for a housekeeping allowance?*

Workers with serious permanent compensable disabilities (see Part I, 2.0) which prevent them from performing heavy housekeeping tasks such as washing walls, washing windows, cleaning behind appliances, etc., may be eligible for a housekeeping allowance.

WCB first considers whether assistive aids and/or training would enable the worker to complete the housekeeping tasks him or herself. If so, WCB will provide the aids and/or training, rather than a housekeeping allowance.

**NOTE:** This allowance is intended for workers whose injuries, although serious, are not severe. For services for workers with severe injuries, see Policy 04-07.

3. *What is the allowance based on and how is it paid?*

The allowance is based on typical costs for heavy housekeeping services such as washing walls, washing windows, cleaning behind appliances, etc. As these tasks are usually not required every month, the allowance is based on average annual costs. The costs are prorated over a 12-month period and paid to the worker as a monthly allowance, so that the worker can make his/her own arrangements for the necessary housekeeping (see Addendum B).

The allowance does not include general housekeeping that the worker is able to do for him or herself.

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**4. *Is a hospitalized worker eligible for a housekeeping allowance?***

A worker who is confined to an institution on a permanent basis is not eligible for a housekeeping allowance. However, if a worker receiving a housekeeping allowance is temporarily hospitalized, WCB will continue the allowance for as long as the worker maintains the residence.

**5. *When is this policy application effective?***

This policy application (Application 3 – Housekeeping Allowance) is effective December 1, 2013, and applies to all decisions made on or after that date, except when noted otherwise in a specific policy section(s).

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