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APPLICATION 2: MEDICAL AID ACCOUNTS

1. ***Who determines the amounts payable for medical aid and medical reports?*** WCB has the authority to determine the amounts payable for medical aid.

Fees for medical reports are in an amount agreed on between WCB and the service providers.

Generally, fees for approved medical aid services provided outside of Alberta are paid at the current rates in the place of service.
2. ***How does WCB pay medical aid?*** Medical aid accounts are paid directly by WCB.
3. ***How does WCB calculate hospital patient days?*** WCB calculates hospital patient days as the period of service to an in-patient between midnight one day and midnight of the next day following, except that

 - i) period of service on the day of admission is a patient day but the period of service on the day of separation is not a patient day, and
 - ii) when admission and discharge occur on the same day, the period of service is one patient day.
4. ***What if the worker has paid for medical aid at the time of the service?*** When the worker has paid for authorized medical aid, such as prescriptions, WCB will reimburse the worker.
5. ***When is this policy application effective?*** This policy application (Application 2 – Medical Aid Accounts) is effective September 24, 2002, except when noted otherwise in a specific policy section(s).

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- [Policy 0406 Part II \(consolidated manual 1st Issue\) - February 1997](#)