
PHYSIOTHERAPY AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Treatment Terms

A worker's treating physician may refer him/her directly to an approved physiotherapy or occupational therapy program or department for up to six weeks of treatment. Requests from the treating physician, physiotherapist or occupational therapist for extensions of treatment require prior WSCC approval.

Prior WSCC approval is also required when:

- treatment is being recommended in a clinic other than a centre recognized by the WSCC;
- treatment is being provided in a worker's residence; and/or
- more than one treatment is being provided per day.

Physiotherapy or occupational therapy may be recommended for maintenance reasons even after a worker's medical condition has stabilized and an assessment for permanent disability completed. WSCC may approve up to six weeks of treatment on a yearly basis when recommended by a treating physician.

RESPONSIBILITY OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDER

Excerpts from the Nunavut & NWT *Workers' Compensation Acts*

Report by health care provider	25. (1)	A health care provider who examines or treats a worker under this Act shall submit a report to the Commission.
Timing and contents of report	(2)	The report must be submitted within three days after the examination or treatment, and must contain the information required by the Commission.
Duty of health care facility	(3)	If a health care facility employs the health care provider referred to in subsection (1), the health care facility is responsible for ensuring that the report is submitted in accordance with this section.
Provision of information	30.	The Commission may require a claimant, an employer or a health care provider to provide any information that it considers necessary for it to determine a claim for compensation.

Excerpt from the Nunavut & NWT *Workers' Compensation General Regulations*

7.2	A health care provider who fails to provide information required under section 30 of the Acts is liable under subsection 141(2) to a penalty of \$250.
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