PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

ORDER OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL

Order in Council No. 174

, Approved and Ordered

April 14, 2025

Lieutenant Governor

Executive Council Chambers, Victoria

On the recommendation of the undersigned, the Lieutenant Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, orders that, effective May 1, 2025,

- (a) the Enhanced Accident Benefits Regulation, B.C. Reg. 59/2021, is amended as set out in the attached Schedule A,
- (b) the Income Replacement and Retirement Benefits and Benefits for Students and Minors Regulation, B.C. Reg. 60/2021, is amended as set out in the attached Schedule B,
- (c) the Insurance (Vehicle) Regulation, B.C. Reg. 447/83, is amended as set out in the attached Schedule C,
- (d) the Minor Injury Regulation, B.C. Reg. 234/2018, is amended as set out in the attached Schedule D, and
- (e) the Permanent Impairment Regulation, B.C. Reg. 61/2021, is amended as set out in the attached Schedule E.

Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General

Presiding Member of the Executive Council

(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)

Authority under which Order is made:

Act and section: Insurance (Vehicle) Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 231, ss. 45, 45.1, 104, 122, 129, 169, 181

Other: OIC 110/2021; OIC 112/2021; OIC 1897/83; OIC 595/2018; OIC 113/2021

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SCHEDULE A

1 Section 1 (1) of the Enhanced Accident Benefits Regulation, B.C. Reg. 59/2021, is amended by adding the following definition:

"permanent impairment rating" means permanent impairment rating within the meaning of the Permanent Impairment Regulation;.

2 Section 18 (6) is amended by adding the following paragraphs:

- (a.01) prostheses and orthoses referred to in section 21 of this regulation;
- (a.02) medical equipment referred to in section 22 of this regulation;
- (a.03) counselling services referred to in section 26.1 of this regulation; .

3 Section 19 (4) is amended

- (a) in paragraph (c) by striking out "\$115" and substituting "\$145", and
- (b) by repealing Tables 1, 2 and 3 and substituting the following:

Table 1 – Amount and Pre-Authorized Treatments for Health Care Services
Provided by Health Care Practitioner

Item	Column A Health Care Service	Column B Amount for Assessment Visit	Column C Amount for Standard Treatment	Column D Pre-Authorized Treatments
1	Acupuncture	\$132	\$113	12
2	Chiropractic	\$121	\$75	25
3	Kinesiology	\$117	\$94	12
4	Massage therapy	\$128	\$105	12
5	Physical therapy	\$151	\$95	25

Table 2 - Amount and Pre-Authorized Treatments for Counselling and Psychology

Item	Column A Health Care Service	Column B Amount for Assessment Visit and Report	Column C Amount for Standard Treatment	Column D Pre-Authorized Treatments
1	Counselling	\$262	\$157	12
2	Psychology	\$723	\$241	12

Table 3 - Amount for Health Care Services Provided by Physician

Item	Column A Health Care Service Provided by Physician	Column B Amount for Health Care Service Provided by Physician
1	Standard assessment and report	\$194
2	Extended assessment and report	\$390
3	Reassessment and report	\$251

4 The following section is added to Division 2 of Part 5:

Counselling

- **26.1** (1) In this section:
 - "eligible person" means a person in one of the following relationships with the insured:
 - (a) spousal;
 - (b) marriage-like;
 - (c) parent-child;
 - (d) grandparent-grandchild;
 - (e) great-grandparent-great-grandchild;
 - (f) sibling;
 - (g) familial-like;

"familial-like" means a relationship between the insured and a person who

- (a) resides with the insured as a member of the insured's family, or
- (b) can demonstrate having a similarly familial relationship with the insured.
- (2) The corporation may pay or reimburse under section 124 [rehabilitation] of the Act an eligible person's expenses respecting counselling in relation to an accident only in accordance with this section.
- (3) The corporation must pay or reimburse under section 124 of the Act an eligible person who incurs reasonable expenses for and related to counselling respecting an insured
 - (a) who is receiving or has received benefits under Part 10 [Enhanced Accident Benefits] of the Act in relation to the accident, and
 - (b) with a permanent impairment rating of 50% or more as determined in accordance with the Permanent Impairment Regulation.
- (4) The corporation may pay or reimburse under section 124 of the Act an eligible person who incurs reasonable expenses for and related to counselling respecting an insured
 - (a) who is receiving or has received benefits under Part 10 of the Act in relation to the accident, and
 - (b) whose bodily injury significantly impacts the eligible person.
- (5) The maximum amount that may be paid or reimbursed to an eligible person under this section is \$4 440 per insured.
- (6) The corporation must pay or reimburse under section 124 of the Act an eligible person's expenses respecting counselling only if the counselling is provided by one of the following:
 - (a) a counsellor;
 - (b) a member of the clergy or of a religious order who is not a related person, within the meaning of section 251 (2) (a) of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada), with respect to the person receiving the counselling;

- (c) a psychiatrist;
- (d) a person who
 - (i) is recognized by the person's Indigenous nation to provide counselling services or religious or spiritual instruction or guidance to members of the Indigenous nation, and
 - (ii) is not a related person, within the meaning of section 251 (2) (a) of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada), with respect to the person receiving the counselling.
- (7) The corporation must pay or reimburse an eligible person for the following expenses to attend counselling if the person must travel more than 50 km to receive counselling:
 - (a) transportation expenses in an amount determined in accordance with section 32 [transportation expenses];
 - (b) lodging expenses in an amount determined in accordance with section 33 [lodging expenses];
 - (c) meal expenses in an amount determined in accordance with section 34 [meal expenses].
- 5 Section 32 (3) is amended by striking out "\$0.55 per km" and substituting "\$0.66 per km".
- 6 Section 36 (1) is repealed.
- 7 Table 1 in section 47 (5) is amended in column 1 of item 41 by striking out "65" and substituting "65 or over".
- 8 Section 51 (4) is amended by striking out "eligible person" and substituting "eligible person's".
- 9 Section 55 (1) is amended
 - (a) in paragraphs (a) and (b) by striking out "that is based on the date of the accident", and
 - (b) by adding the following paragraphs:
 - (e) for a claim under section 26.1 [counselling] of this regulation, if a claimant is not a minor on the date of the accident, the prescribed time period for making a claim ends on the later of the following:
 - (i) 2 years from the date of establishing that the insured has a permanent impairment rating of 50% or more as determined in accordance with the Permanent Impairment Regulation;
 - (ii) 2 years from the date of establishing that the insured's bodily injury significantly impacts the eligible person;
 - (f) for a claim under section 26.1 of this regulation, if a claimant is a minor on the date of the accident, the prescribed time period for making a claim ends on the later of the following:

- (i) 2 years from the date of establishing that the insured has a permanent impairment rating of 50% or more as determined in accordance with the Permanent Impairment Regulation;
- (ii) 2 years from the date of establishing that the insured's bodily injury significantly impacts the eligible person;
- (iii) 2 years from the date the claimant reaches the age of 19 years.

SCHEDULE B

1 Section 36 (4) (b) of the Income Replacement and Retirement Benefits and Benefits for Students and Minors Regulation, B.C. Reg. 60/2021, is amended by striking out "section 3 (2) (a)" and substituting "section 3 (3) (a)".

SCHEDULE C

- 1 Section 88 of the Insurance (Vehicle) Regulation, B.C. Reg. 447/83, is amended
 - (a) in subsections (1) (a) and (7) by striking out "Table 1 or Table 2" and substituting "Table 1, Table 2 or Table 3",
 - (b) in subsections (1.01) (a) and (1.2) (a) by striking out "Table 1" and substituting "Table 1 or Table 2, as applicable,", and
 - (c) in subsection (1.2) (b) by striking out "\$112" and substituting "\$145".
- 2 Schedule 3.1 is amended
 - (a) by repealing section 1,
 - (b) by repealing Tables 1 and 2 and substituting the following:

Table 1

Item	Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D
	Health Care Service	Fee Limit for	Fee Limit for	Number of
		Assessment Visit	Standard Treatment	Pre-Authorized
				Treatments
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Table 2

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		and Report		Treatments
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, and

(c) by adding the following table:

Table 3

Item	Column A Health Care Service Provided by Physician	Column B Fee Limit for Health Care Service Provided by Physician
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SCHEDULE D

- 1 Section 1 of the Minor Injury Regulation, B.C. Reg. 234/2018, is amended by repealing the definitions of "college", "current for clinical practice", "ministry", "physician", "register" and "registered care advisor".
- 2 Part 3 is repealed.

SCHEDULE E

- 1 Section 74 of the Schedule to the Permanent Impairment Regulation, B.C. Reg. 61/2021, is amended by adding "permanent" after "If the insured sustains a".
- 2 Section 110 is renumbered as section 110 (1).