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Designated Assessment Centre Fee Guideline

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This *Designated Assessment Centre (DAC) Fee Guideline* establishes the maximum expenses payable by automobile insurers under the SABS related to the services of DACs in conducting designated assessments under the *Statutory Accident Benefits Schedule - Accidents on or after November 1, 1996* (SABS).

Purpose:

Pursuant to subsection 24(2) of the SABS, an insurer is not liable to pay for expenses related to professional services that exceed the maximum amounts established by this Guideline.

Amounts:

No insurer shall be liable for any expenses related to the services of a DAC under the SABS that exceed the following amounts:

1. \$3,900.00 for a disability designated assessment.
2. \$5,600.00 for a Post-104 week disability designated assessment.
3. \$2,000.00 for a medical/rehabilitation designated assessment.
4. \$2,600.00 for an attendant care designated assessment.

These amounts include all costs incurred during the assessment process, including expenses for administration, transportation and diagnostic testing.

It is expected that basic designated assessments will be completed at fees lower than these amounts.

Fast-Track Medical and Rehabilitation and REC DACs

Pursuant to Bulletin No. A-14/03, the Financial Services Commission of Ontario (FSCO) has already issued the *Fee Guideline for Fast-Track Medical and Rehabilitation Designated Assessment Centres* (Fee Guideline) for assessments conducted under the SABS. This Fee Guideline remains in place. The maximum fee applicable to Residual Earning Capacity DACs, of \$6,600, also remains in place pursuant to Bulletin A-04/99.

Catastrophic DACs and Brain and Spinal Cord Impairments

Due to the complex nature of catastrophic impairment DAC assessments, no maximum fee is applicable to these assessments. These maximum amounts also do not apply to DAC assessments of claimants with brain or spinal cord impairments.

Effective Date

This Guideline will be effective for all requests for assessment received by a DAC on or after March 1, 2004. Requests received by a DAC prior to March 1, 2004 or assessments in progress as of that date are not subject to this Fee Guideline.