

Commission

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Professional Fee Guidelines - Occupational Therapists

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This guideline is issued pursuant to Subsections 14 (4), 15 (6), 17 (2) and 24 (2) of the Statutory Accident Benefits Schedule - Accidents on or After November 1, 1996 (SABS) and applies to expenses incurred on or after February 3, 2001.

Purpose

This guideline sets out the range of fees for the services of an occupational therapist that an insurer is liable to pay for:

- a medical benefit under Subsections 14 (2) (b)
 or (h) of the SABS;
- a rehabilitation benefit under Subsections 15
 (5) (a) to (g) or 15 (5) (l) of the SABS; or
- conducting an examination or assessment or providing a certificate, report or treatment plan under Subsection 24 (1) (a) of the SABS.

This guideline applies only to reasonable and necessary services rendered by registered occupational therapists within their scope of practice under the *Occupational Therapy Act*, 1991.

Fees for Occupational Therapists

The range of fees for services provided by occupational therapists is \$95.00 per hour to \$120.00 per hour for professional time.

The fees contained in this guideline do not cover time required to travel to an insured's home, workplace or school in order to provide services. Travel time and/or travel expenditures of the occupational therapist will be compensated by the insurer at a rate mutually negotiated prior to initiation of intervention.

Occupational Therapy Utilization Guidelines

Where applicable, occupational therapists and insurers should consider the clinical intervention and duration of treatment set out in the Occupational Therapy Utilization Guidelines that were published in The Ontario Gazette on February 3, 2001 pursuant to Section 268.3 of the Insurance Act.