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Section Title: Benefits Administration – *Healthcare Services*
Subject: Out-of-Province Referrals for Clinical Examinations
Effective Date: May 29, 1985

A. POLICY

Referral of a claimant to out-of-province healthcare consultants or clinics may be authorized by the Workers Compensation Board, on request from a referring practitioner.

B. REFERENCES

The Workers Compensation Act, section 27

History:

1. Policy approved by the Board of Directors by Board Order 82/85 on May 29, 1985, effective immediately.
2. Minor formatting and grammatical changes were made to the policy and a history section was added, June 27, 2012.
3. Minor formatting changes were made to the policy February 2021.
4. In December 2022, the policy was updated to reflect the amendment and renumbering of section 27 by *The Workers Compensation Amendment Act* (commonly referred to as Bill 18).
5. Policy was rescinded by Board Order No. 27/24 on June 20, 2024, effective June 30, 2024. The policy was removed from the policy manual and archived. The archived policy applies to decision made between May 29, 1985 and June 30, 2024.

C. ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES

1. Generally, the WCB will not authorize referrals to out-of-province healthcare service providers when the same exam/treatment/procedure is available in Manitoba.
2. All referrals to an out-of-province consultant/clinic by a worker's attending practitioner must be pre-approved by WCB Healthcare Services before the worker is referred.