

EXPEDITED APPOINTMENT SERVICES

The Early Intervention Program is a co-ordinated partnership process focused on maximum recovery and early return to work for the injured worker. Obtaining the earliest specialist or diagnostic appointments available for our clients is an important initiative of this program.

Although the Saskatchewan Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) will not displace members of the general public to obtain earlier appointments for our own clients, we can assist the primary practitioner by identifying early available services. We use in-province services when possible, and out-of-province services when necessary. Client travel costs are paid by the WCB.

Expedited Specialist Assistance

The primary practitioner can access expedited specialist services in one of two ways:

- By requesting from the WCB a list of specialists with early appointments, and by making a direct referral to the specialist, indicating that the patient is a WCB client.
- By asking the WCB to make the referral. Medical information and a referral letter should be attached with the request. The primary practitioner will be notified of the arrangements made.

Expedited Diagnostic Assistance

When a primary practitioner requests assistance in obtaining diagnostic services, the WCB will determine the earliest available service and ask the primary practitioner to complete the requisition. The WCB will then finalize the arrangements.

For further information contact WCB Health Care Services - Expedited Appointment Assistance:
Fax: 306-787-2428 or 1-866-331-3036
E-mail: internet_healthcare@wcbask.com

The WCB actively seeks out newly established diagnostic or specialist services. If you know of, or can offer, such services, please contact Chris Drobot, Manager, Health Care Services at the fax number provided above.

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