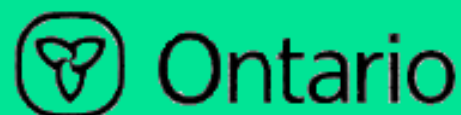


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Subject **BILLING FOR THIRD PARTY SERVICES COVERED BY THE OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY ACT**

Inquiries to the Ministry of Health have identified the need to clarify the procedure for billing of third party services that are covered by regulation under the ***Occupational Health and Safety Act***. These third party services are **not** OHIP insured services but **are** the responsibility of the third party.

Where it is determined that a specific substance, for example, asbestos, benzene or lead, is present in the workplace, the Ministry of Labour, through its control program, may request that employees undergo a medical examination and/or clinical tests such as, chest x-rays, blood tests and/or urine tests.

A number of regulations under the ***Occupational Health and Safety Act***, state :

"A worker shall, **at the expense of the employer**, undergo the medical examinations and clinical tests required under the control program."

The medical examinations and/or clinical tests may be performed by any physician the employee chooses, however the costs associated with these services are the responsibility of the third party and cannot be billed to OHIP. Similarly, laboratory requisition forms contain a box labeled "Third Party/Uninsured" this box should be checked for third party uninsured services.

Any follow-up or tests resulting from such examinations and/or tests that are required for treatment for a medical condition must be, where related to workplace injuries or illnesses covered under the ***Workplace Safety and Insurance Act***, claimed through the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board. All other medically necessary services required for a medical condition not covered under the ***Workplace Safety and Insurance Act*** would be covered by OHIP.

Since physicians may not be familiar with regulations under the ***Occupational Health and Safety Act*** that impact on them, they should consider the ***Health Insurance Act***,

Regulation 552, Section 24(1) 8. And 8.1 when determining if a service is OHIP insured, or not.

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The ***Health Insurance Act***, Regulation 552, Section 24(1) 8. and 8.1 state:

(Section 24 is included as Appendix A to the Schedule of Benefits)

24. (1) "The following services rendered by physicians or practitioners are not insured services and are not part of insured services :
8. A service, including an annual health or annual physical examination, received wholly or partly for the production or completion of a document or the transmission of information to which paragraph 8.1 or 8.2 applies regardless of whether the document or information was requested before, at the same time as or after the service was received.

8.1 The production or completion of a document, or the transmission of information to any person other than the insured person, if the document or transmission of information is required by legislation of any government or is to be used to receive anything under, or to satisfy any condition under, any legislation or program of a government."

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