

Issue 7: Medical Aid

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What is Medical Aid?

Medical aid is something used to treat a work-related injury. It includes things such as medications, specialized products and other services (like physiotherapy) that help lessen the effects of an injury.

Resources

Legislation:

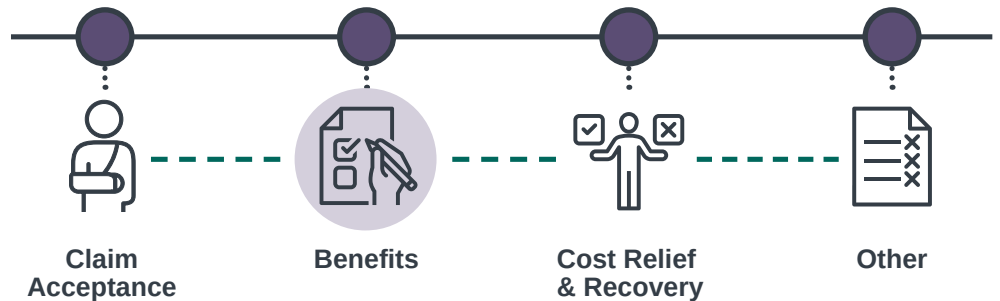
[Workers' Compensation Act](#), RSA 2000, c W-15

WCB Policy:

[04-06 Part I](#),
[04-06 Part II, Application 1](#)

Sample Decisions:

[2020-0247](#)



When is a worker eligible for Medical Aid?

A worker is eligible for Medical Aid when the medication, product or service is reasonable necessary to lessen the effects of the work-related injury (called a compensable injury).

What questions does the panel ask to decide the appeal?

Typically, a panel will ask the following question:

- Does the weight of medical evidence establish that medical aid is reasonably necessary to treat or alleviate the effects of the worker's compensable injury under this claim?

What types of evidence are commonly used to answer the questions?

- Occupational Therapist or other medical service provider's report
- Prescription for specialized product, treatment or medication
- Physician's report on the need for specialized product, treatment or medication