

## Changes to accommodation & BCMA rates

The BC government announced new rates for accommodation approved for government staff and service providers effective June 1, 2006.

The tariff provision will be updated in due course but, in the interim, LSS has decided to follow its policy of matching BC government rates where possible. We will no longer have maximum fees for three regions of the province but will permit the fees as set out on the BC Government website at [www.pc.gov.bc.ca/travel/Hotels/AccommodationListing/INDEX.html](http://www.pc.gov.bc.ca/travel/Hotels/AccommodationListing/INDEX.html).

We will expect counsel to choose the most reasonable accommodation at BC government rates suitable for their needs in each location and we will monitor billings that exceed \$100 per night. Specific authorization for accommodation rates is only required if your referral does not authorize travel. If travel is authorized, you are permitted to bill for overnight accommodation as required within the rates referred to at the website.

### BCMA rates

In accordance with our usual practice, LSS will pay the following limited number of BCMA rates based on its agreement with the Attorney General and the BCMA. LSS will pay all billings for expert services rendered after April 1, 2006, at the rates set out below:

No prior authorization is required to order one, per case, of each of the following items:

SERVICE	BCMA ITEM CODE	TARIFF CODE	EFFECTIVE DATE	NEW RATE
Medical records review by physician	A00095	1495	April 1, 2006	\$77.90 for the first 15 minutes
Medical records photocopying (first 10 pages)	A00096	1504	April 1, 2006	\$1.25/page
Medical records photocopying (subsequent pages)	A00096	1504	April 1, 2006	\$0.30/page
Form completion or simple letter reporting on patient's condition	A00070	1511	April 1, 2006	\$133.00
Medical-legal letter	A00071	1537	April 1, 2006	\$279.00

Prior authorization is required for the following items:

SERVICE	BCMA ITEM CODE	TARIFF CODE	EFFECTIVE DATE	NEW RATE
Medical-legal report	A00072	1552	April 1, 2006	\$835.00
Medical-legal opinion	A00073	1578	April 1, 2006	\$1,395.00

For all items:

- Provide the date the report was written, and
- Attach invoices that clearly indicate the client's name.

**Please note that these rates are in effect but will not be updated on the LSS website until after July 17, 2006**

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