

Tasmanian State Service Agencies Guidelines for developing an Injury Management Program

VERSION 2 – Effective 1 January 2020 and to apply to all
injury management activities regardless of when the injury occurred.



Please note

This information is for guidance only and is not to be taken as an expression of the law. It should be read in conjunction with the *Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988*, the *Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Regulations 2011* and any other relevant legislation. Legislation is available at www.thelaw.tas.gov.au

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Introduction

Injury management is a co-ordinated and managed process. It consists of activities and procedures intended to facilitate recovery in order to achieve the best results for a timely, safe and durable return to work for injured workers.

An injury management program is a series of documented policies and procedures that detail how the Agency will operate in order to achieve a co-ordinated and integrated process for injury management.

Agencies are to develop and maintain an injury management program. The injury management program must be approved by the WorkCover Tasmania Board (the Board).

An injury management program must:

- be based on guidelines provided by the WorkCover Tasmania Board
- reinforce the objective of returning injured workers to a functioning lifestyle in line with the work health and safety aims of the workplace
- be a streamlined, transparent process for managing workplace injuries and claims for workers compensation
- be presented in a planned and organised manner
- be clearly identifiable and readily accessible
- be reviewed at defined intervals by management to ensure its continuing suitability and effectiveness in satisfying the organisation's needs
- be appropriately authorised prior to issue
- be audited by the WorkCover Tasmania Board/Agency.
- comply with the Principles of Part XI of the *Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988*

On 13 August 2019, the Board approved the second version (Version 2) of the Tasmanian State Service Guidelines effective 1 January 2020, and agreed that they apply to all injury management activities regardless of when the injury occurred.

The following guidelines are to be used by agencies as a guide to help develop injury management programs. They are to be read in conjunction with Part XI of the Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988 (the Act). It is anticipated that additional policies and procedures may be included to better reflect the nature and scale of the agency.

The guidelines have been prepared to promote and support the effective injury management of injured workers through the identification and facilitation of best practice approaches.

The Board reserves the right to request additional information as it determines necessary.

Definition of Terms

Key Elements: Encapsulates the key elements of an injury management program.

Criteria: Established criteria for inclusion in an injury management program pursuant to section 142(1)(a) of the Act and which detail the methodology and desired behaviours for achieving effective injury management practices.

Please note:

Key elements and criteria may not necessarily be presented in the form of a written document. However, evidence must be presented to demonstrate the existence of a system and its effective implementation.

Key Elements	Criteria	Explanation
1. Injury Management Policy	1.1 Statement of commitment and objectives including but not limited to the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. to promote behaviours and attitudes that underpin a positive workplace culture that supports injured workers II. to promote the health benefits of work III. to support the principles of the Clinical Framework for the Delivery of Health Services 1.2 Statement of roles and responsibilities of all parties 1.3 Policy to be appropriate to nature and scale of organisation 1.4 Consistent with relevant injury management legislation 1.5 Policy to be reviewed regularly	The policy should reflect the Agency's commitment to injury management and should form the basis upon which the injury management program is developed. The policy should be consistent with applicable legislation and guidelines and promote continuous improvement. The policy should address but not be limited to the following principles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • should be easily understood, and capable of being implemented in the workplace • should be consistent with the rehabilitation policy of the workplace • should be developed in consultation with all parties • should be supplemented by adequate written procedures that are readily available, and that identify key support roles and responsibilities for implementing the policy • should be readily available in the employer's workplace where the workers can readily refer to it • should be consistent with the provisions of the <i>Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988</i> and supporting legislation • should be reviewed regularly (annually).
2. Information Management	The Agency is to define how it will: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1 Ensure full disclosure of and access to accurate and consistent information, including the provision of information in other languages when necessary. 2.2 Ensure accurate and consistent information 	Procedures should be developed that identify how information will be provided and managed. The focus should be on ensuring access to information and support in order for all parties to clearly understand their roles, rights and responsibilities at the level that is required and deemed appropriate, including provision of the information in a language and format that all employers and workers can understand. Responsibility for management of the information should be delegated to personnel with the appropriate level of authority to ensure that accurate and relevant information is available in a timely manner. A document control system should be established.
3. Mechanisms to Facilitate Early Reporting and Intervention of Injuries/Claims	The Agency is to define how it will: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3.1 Early Reporting <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Implement a variety of mechanisms to facilitate early reporting II. Manage timeframes for early reporting III. Manage employer training and educational requirements IV. Administer any early reporting incentive scheme V. Manage corrective action for late submissions 3.2 Early Intervention <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Analyse incoming data II. Develop and implement intervention strategies III. Manage key contact points with key parties IV. Administer provisional payments 	Employees and Officers should be encouraged to report all work- related injuries to the Agency; and the Agency should report all work related injuries that may lead to a claim for workers compensation to the Tasmanian Risk Management Fund Administration. Early reporting and intervention will assist in the injury management and return to work process and enhance the likelihood of positive return to work outcomes. Procedures should include but not be limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advising employers of their obligations to record and report injuries • Identifying the expected reporting timeframes • Identifying key parties, roles, responsibilities and timeframes for establishing and maintaining contact • Ensuring that information provided on the claim form is complete and accurate • Identifying a process for managing late reporting, including advising employers of the consequences of failure to report within the specified timeframes • Ensuring employees and officers with responsibilities under the injury management program receive appropriate instruction/ training to enable them to facilitate the reporting of an injury and/or the making of a claim.

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<p>4. Communication Management</p>	<p>The Agency is to define how it will:</p> <p>4.1 Communication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Promote open and honest communication II. Ensure the timeliness of communication III. Ensure the correct application of both oral and written communication IV. Ensure communication is clear and in 'plain English' V. Ensure communication is non-threatening VI. Ensure interpreting services are made available when necessary <p>4.2 Communication with key parties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Manage contact points and formal channels of communication between all parties II. Ensure that employee obligations are described and communicated effectively III. Ensure that roles, activities and/or services that are to be delivered by external providers, including the Fund Administration Agent, are clearly identified and communicated to key parties <p>4.3 Complaints/Dispute management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. The Agency is to ensure it has policies and procedures for the management of complaints/ disputes arising from the injury management process. II. The Agency is to ensure that injured workers are provided with information in respect to its complaints/dispute resolution process arising from the injury management process. 	<p>An effective injury management program relies upon the provision of timely and accurate information.</p> <p>All communication should be conducted in a non-threatening manner. Procedures should be developed that identify the mechanisms for communication, including how it will be both managed and facilitated. The procedures should include but not be limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identifying key contacts • specifying timeframes for establishing initial contact and ongoing contact • documenting recording requirements for all contacts • identifying methods for the provision of information including informing workers of all relevant organisational procedures relevant to the injury management and return to work processes • identifying and communicating the roles and responsibilities of all parties in the communication process • identifying an issue resolution process that sets out the means by which an injured worker can progress an issue or matter of concern • where appropriate, identifying the involvement of any external body if an issue cannot be resolved within the organisation • where an injured worker has difficulty understanding or reading English the information should be translated or directly explained to individuals in a language and format that can be clearly understood. <p>The Agency should seek to regularly engage with injured workers and employers, in particular they should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • encourage and foster good relationships between those involved in the injury management process • manage and change injured worker and employer perceptions for the better of key principles such as the health benefits of work • foster and encourage a productive working relationship between key stakeholders involved in the injury management process • involve and seek feedback from injured workers and employers • seek buy-in from injured workers and employers to assist in decision making • ensure the early detection and resolution of potential barriers, issues and conflicts • encourage injured workers to take ownership of their recovery.
<p>5. Records Management</p>	<p>5.1 Procedures should be established and maintained for managing records in respect to the Agency's injury management activities.</p>	<p>An effective records management system should be in place. The records management system should include policies and procedures for identifying, storing and retaining files and supporting documentation relevant to the injury management and return to work process for injured workers and for maintaining the approved injury management program.</p>

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<p>6. Role of the Injury Management Co-ordinator (IMC)</p>	<p>The Agency is to define how it will:</p> <p>6.1 Manage the role, responsibilities and duties of an IMC (including quantity requirements and IMC activities that are overseen rather than performed)</p> <p>6.2 Manage the skill and knowledge requirements</p> <p>6.3 Ensure the identification and provision of training requirements</p> <p>6.4 Manage the appointment process</p> <p>6.5 Manage and monitor the IMC role or activities that are to be delivered by an external IMC including but not limited to clearly identifying and communicating the roles or activities that are to be delivered</p>	<p>The role of the IMC is to co-ordinate and oversee the entire injury management process. The Agency should identify the number of IMCs based on the need of the Agency. The IMC should be provided with adequate resources to enable them to effectively carry out their duties including performance and/or oversight of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • making contact with the worker, the employer and the worker's primary treating medical practitioner, as soon as practicable after the worker is assigned to the IMC • developing, reviewing, modifying and implementing injury management plans and return to work plans, as agreed with the worker or determined by the Tribunal • regularly reviewing the work capacity of the worker and investigating and arranging options for the worker's retraining or redeployment • making arrangements for the rehabilitation of the worker so that the worker returns to work as soon as is possible and appropriate • involving the following people in the management of the worker's injury and return to work: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. the worker and the worker's employer II. the primary treating medical practitioner and other treating medical practitioners; and III. if necessary or desirable workplace rehabilitation providers, return to work co-ordinators, supervisors and line managers, allied health professionals • collating medical information • maintaining relevant documentation • making attempts to resolve disputes about injury management in respect of the worker • providing information on injury management to the worker and their employer • any other duties that are prescribed <p>The Agency should have procedures in place that identify the IMC role within the injury management program. The key components of the IMC role should be formally identified, documented and communicated. Procedures may address but should not be limited to the following components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • role statement • responsibilities • obligations • authority to act • accountability • key performance indicators • minimum competency/training requirements.

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<p>7. Role of the Workplace Rehabilitation Provider (WRP)</p>	<p>The Agency is to define how it will:</p> <p>7.1 Manage the role, responsibilities and duties of a WRP</p> <p>7.2 Manage the skill and knowledge requirements</p> <p>7.3 Manage the selection process for external WRPs</p> <p>7.4 Manage the referral process of an injured worker to a WRP</p> <p>7.5 Manage and monitor external WRPs including but not limited to clearly identifying and communicating the services that are to be delivered.</p>	<p>A WRP is accredited by the Board and has the qualifications, experience and expertise appropriate to provide timely intervention with services based on the assessed need of the worker and the workplace.</p> <p>A WRP identifies and addresses the critical physical, psychological, social, environmental and organisational risk factors which may have an impact on a worker's ability to successfully return to work.</p> <p>A WRP achieves this through delivering workplace rehabilitation services.</p> <p>Workplace rehabilitation services are prescribed under the Act as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • initial workplace rehabilitation assessment • assessment of the functional capacity of a worker • workplace assessment • job analysis • advice about job modification • rehabilitation counselling • vocational assessment • any other service prescribed by the regulations. <p>Workplace rehabilitation does not include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • work conditioning • treatment (including therapeutic counselling) • overseeing/monitoring an injured worker's treatment • determining a worker's ongoing entitlements • claims management • assessment of daily living. <p>While providers have the skills to perform some or all of these services, they are not considered workplace rehabilitation services.</p> <p>The Agency should have procedures in place that identify the WRP role within the injury management program. The key components of the WRP role should be formally identified, documented and communicated.</p> <p>Where external WRPs are engaged, the specific types of service and standards of service should be detailed. At relevant periods of time the services delivered should be reviewed for conformance with any agreements.</p> <p>The Agency should have procedures in place to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consult with the injured worker, employer and nominated treated doctor when referring to a WRP • Advise the injured worker that they can choose a WRP • Inform the injured worker of the process to be followed when changing a WRP.

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<p>8. Role of the Return to Work Co-ordinator (RTWC)</p>	<p>The Agency is to define how it will:</p> <p>8.1 Manage the identification of a RTWC</p> <p>8.2 Co-ordinate the role, responsibilities and duties of a RTWC</p> <p>8.3 Suitably train RTWCs</p>	<p>The role of the RTWC is to facilitate and co-ordinate the injured worker's return to work within the workplace. The RTWC should be provided with adequate resources to enable them to effectively carry out their duties, which include but may not be limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • assist with return-to-work planning and the implementation of the worker's approved return-to-work plan or approved injury management plan • monitor the worker's progress towards returning to work • assist the worker to perform the worker's designated work duties in a safe and appropriate manner • provide the worker with reassurance and encouragement in respect of the treatment of the worker's injury and the worker's return to work • encourage and foster a good relationship, and effective communication, between the worker, the worker's employer and the employer's insurer. <p>The Agency should have procedures in place that identify the RTWC role within the injury management program. The key components of the RTWC role should be formally identified, documented and communicated.</p>

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<p>9. Medical Management</p>	<p>The Agency is to define how it will:</p> <p>9.1 Primary Treating Medical Practitioners (PTMP)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Monitor the timeliness of appointments for injured worker medical consultations and treatment II. Manage the provision of information including but not limited to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Providing the injured worker with information regarding the requirements for changing a PTMP. b. the subsequent authorisation to release relevant medical records. III. Manage contact points between involved parties – in particular with the PTMP IV. Ensure systems are in place for the management of medical certificates. This may include but is not limited to monitoring and reporting on the quality of medical certificates V. Ensure systems are in place for the management of medical reports <p>9.2 Independent Medical Reviews</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Manage the process for seeking and undertaking reviews II. Discuss with the PTMP the reasons why it is intended to have the review conducted. III. Manage the provision of information including but not limited to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Notifying the injured worker of the reasons for seeking a review b. Provide the worker with a copy of, or access to, any information published by the Board in respect to independent medical examinations c. Provide copies of the review report to the IMC and the PTMP IV. Manage contact points between involved parties V. Monitor the use of independent medical reviews VI. Ensure that independent medical practitioners are aware of their role and responsibilities and have been provided with a copy of, or access to, the Board’s Guidelines for Independent Medical Examinations VII. Ensure that the independent medical practitioner is fully informed of all necessary information prior to undertaking an independent medical review. 	<p>The procedures should recognise the central role the PTMP plays in the injury management process. The PTMP usually should have ongoing contact with the injured worker throughout the injury management and return to work process and plays a key role in the communication between the injured worker, the employer and the Agency.</p> <p>Procedures should be developed that include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The injured worker’s right to choose their PTMP • The role and responsibilities of the PTMP and specialist service providers • The process for monitoring medical treatment, consultations, referrals and specialist care • The process for requesting access to medical records and any subsequent release of that information. • The process for the management of communication between the parties including identifying the preferred means of contact and expected reporting timeframes. <p>Independent Medical Reviews:</p> <p>Independent medical opinions or medical reviews may be sought for a number of reasons that may include concerns about issues such as the diagnosis, proposed treatment, certified level of incapacity etc.</p> <p>Procedures should be developed that include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The process for obtaining an independent medical review • The process for informing the injured worker of the reasons for seeking such a review • The process for discussing matters of concern with the injured worker and the injured worker’s PTMP • The process for ensuring the independent medical practitioner is provided with all relevant information to enable them to conduct the review. • The process for the management of communication between the parties including identifying the preferred means of contact and expected reporting timeframes • The process for conciliation where the injured worker objects to an independent medical review.

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<p>10. Return to Work</p>	<p>The Agency is to define how it will:</p> <p>10.1 Co-ordinate those involved in the injury management process including but not limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Injury Management Co-ordinators II. Workplace Rehabilitation Providers III. Return to Work Co-ordinators <p>10.2 Manage Injury Management Plans and Return to Work Plans. This should include but not be limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Documenting time frames within which return to work and injury management plans will be prepared. II. Ensuring the development and implementation of plans in accordance with time frames detailed in the approved Injury Management Program III. Managing consultation requirements between key parties IV. Ensuring the assessment of return to work options is completed thoroughly V. Ensuring the return to work hierarchy is applied VI. Ensuring workplace visits are undertaken when necessary VII. Ensuring suitable and meaningful alternative duties are identified and modified where practicable VIII. Recognising limitations during return to work IX. Ensuring the regular review, monitor and modification of plans when necessary X. Regularly assessing outcomes for all parties involved <p>10.3 Reflect and promote the health benefits of work</p> <p>10.4 Ensure all activities support the principles of the Clinical Framework for the Delivery of Health Services</p> <p>10.5 Apply an evidence based approach to identifying optimal return to work outcomes.</p>	<p>The injury management program (IMP) should encourage full and open communication between all parties involved in the injury management and return to work process. Poor communication can lead to delays, confusion and misunderstanding and is recognised as presenting a major barrier to effective injury management. Proper planning and co-ordination of the injury management process will facilitate effective communication between the parties, eliminate duplication of effort and confusion and ensure that the injury management process runs smoothly and results in positive outcomes for the injured worker.</p> <p>The application of evidence based material such as MDGuidelines, or similar Agency developed information is encouraged. This information may assist Agencies to identify optimal return to work outcomes, monitor progress against those outcomes and implement strategies where progress exceeds identified outcomes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return to Work Plans – A simple plan for co-ordinating and managing the treatment, rehabilitation and return to work of an injured worker. If a worker suffers a significant injury a return to work plan is to be prepared within the time frame nominated by the employer in the IMP approved by the Board. • Injury Management Plans – A comprehensive plan for co-ordinating and managing the treatment, rehabilitation and return to work of an injured worker. If a worker suffers a significant injury an injury management plan is to be prepared within the time frame nominated by the employer in the IMP approved by the Board. <p>IMPs should specify the time frame in which return to work and injury management plans will be developed following becoming aware that a worker has sustained a significant injury (more than 5 days of total or partial incapacity). For example “A return to work plan will be developed within 5 working days of a worker sustaining a significant injury”. This would mean that the plan is developed and implemented within 10 days.</p> <p>If the injury management plan is not incorporated in the return to work plan the program should also specify the time frame in which an injury management plan will be developed and implemented. For example “an injury management plan will be developed within 5 working days of a worker being partially or totally incapacitated for 28 days”.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where plans are developed, at a minimum both the injured worker and the employer are to agree to co-operate and comply with the plan. Plans are to be signed by both parties, wherever possible, however other mechanisms for obtaining agreement (such as email) may be used in circumstances where it may not be practicable to pursue signatures. • Plans must be realistic, achievable, tailored to the individual’s circumstances and developed as soon as practicable in consultation with the relevant parties. <p>Plans must be reviewed regularly by the relevant parties and modified where necessary.</p>

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<p>11. Management of Alternative Duties</p>	<p>The Agency is to define how it will:</p> <p>11.1 Alternative Duties</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Ensure that where an injured worker is certified as having work capacity that suitable alternative duties are provided II. Ensure that where the Agency considers that it is not reasonable or practicable to provide suitable alternative duties, the worker is notified in writing of the reasons. III. Ensure alternate duties are both suitable and meaningful IV. Ensure outputs provide notification of alternative duties that are available (facilitated by a list of general duties to be supplied by the WorkCover Tasmania Board) V. Ensure matters relating to outputs unwilling and/or unable to provide alternative duties are handled in accordance with internal policies and procedures. <p>11.2 Retraining and Assignment of Duties</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Ensure the early identification of injured workers who require retraining and/or redeployment II. Establish and maintain procedures for retraining, skill enhancement and alternate assignment of duties for injured workers that have some work capacity. This may include, but is not limited to, enabling workers with work capacity to be placed within other Agencies. 	<p>Under the Act and in general the Agency has an obligation to provide suitable and meaningful alternative duties at the workplace while the injured worker recovers from injury.</p> <p>The Agency should have procedures in place that include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ensuring injured workers are consulted and given the opportunity to participate in the identification and selection of alternative duties • ensuring Injured workers are able to participate in the process of reviewing and providing feedback to the Agency or the output on the adequacy and appropriateness of alternative duties provided. • Communicating to outputs their responsibility for identifying alternative duties and their obligation to compile a list of alternative duties that is to be supplied to the Agency • Helping outputs identify and provide alternative duties • Monitoring and reviewing an output's ability to identify and provide suitable alternative duties • Procedures for retraining and assignment of duties. • Advising outputs of the consequences of failure to identify and provide alternative duties • Managing outputs' non-compliance

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<p>12. Management of Psychological Claims (primary and secondary)</p>	<p>Agencies must have systems and procedures in place to identify and manage claims for psychological injuries.</p> <p>As a minimum systems and procedures should:</p> <p>12.1 Ensure that staff directly responsible for claims and injury management are appropriately trained in the identification and management of psychological claims, including post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and the biopsychosocial approach.</p> <p>12.2 Support the early identification of psychological claims including claims for PTSD.</p> <p>12.3 Support the early identification of psychological claims secondary to injury claims.</p> <p>12.4 Identify key stakeholders in the management of the worker's injury including the claims and injury management process eg workers, employers, primary treating medical practitioner, IMC/WRP.</p> <p>12.5 Ensure the early appointment (no later than the time frame required by s143B of the Act) of an injury management co-ordinator with appropriate skills, experience and/or qualifications in respect to the management of psychological injuries.</p> <p>12.6 Ensure the early appointment of appropriate providers who have the appropriate skills, experience and/or qualifications in respect to the management of psychological injuries.</p> <p>12.7 Ensure early and ongoing regular contact with key stakeholders to identify barriers to return work and discuss and develop action plans.</p> <p>12.8 Ensure timely access to treatment.</p> <p>12.9 Ensure systems are in place to facilitate a timely decision regarding liability and that the worker is informed and updated in respect to progress at regular intervals.</p> <p>12.10 Ensure systems are in place to identify claims where mediation or other dispute resolution mechanisms (other than the Tribunal) may be utilised.</p> <p>12.11 Consider the most appropriate method of communicating adverse decisions, the reasons for adverse decisions and provision of information in respect to dispute resolution mechanisms. For example verbal, written or both.</p>	<p>This element is included in addition to the key elements above as the Board recognises the significant impact psychological injuries have on workers, employers, insurers and the scheme in general.</p> <p>The Board recommends that the agency consider the Safe Work Australia publication "Taking Action: A best practice framework for the management of psychological claims in the Australian workers' compensation sector" when developing and implementing systems for the management of psychological claims.</p>

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<p>13. Management of Complex Claims</p>	<p>The Agency should have systems and procedures in place to identify and manage complex and potentially complex claims at the earliest opportunity.</p> <p>13.1 Define a complex claim</p> <p>13.2 Support the early identification of complex and potentially complex claims.</p> <p>13.3 Identify key stakeholders in the management of the worker's injury including the claims and injury management process eg workers, employers, primary treating medical practitioner, IMC/WRP.</p> <p>13.4 Ensure the early appointment (no later than the time frame required by s143B of the Act) of an injury management co-ordinator and/or workplace rehabilitation provider with appropriate skills, experience and/or qualifications in respect to the nature of the worker's injury.</p> <p>13.5 Ensure regular contact with identified key stakeholders.</p> <p>13.6 Ensure systems are in place to regularly monitor</p>	<p>What constitutes a complex claim should be defined by the agency.</p> <p>For example a complex claim may be a claim where a worker has sustained a physical and psychological injury, has more than one physical injury, has a significant injury, has required surgery of a particular type, has co-morbidities or other significant health and return to work barriers. It may also include matters where liability determination affects ongoing injury management.</p>
<p>14. The role and responsibility of the Fund Administration Agent</p>	<p>14.1 The Agency will have procedures to identify the roles and responsibilities of the Fund Administration Agent</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. contact points II. role of the Fund Administration Agent III. exchange of information relating to the management of claims 	<p>The Agency must develop procedures that define its arrangements for dealing with the Fund Administration Agent. These procedures should identify how the Agency will co-ordinate and manage the process and should include but not be limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • roles and responsibilities of key personnel • how the Agency will communicate with the Fund Administration Agent • how the Agency will manage the transfer of information and document exchange to the Fund Administration Agent • ensuring the Fund Administration Agent complies with any legislative obligations and time frames nominated in the Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988 • how the Agency will address any non-conformance issues with the Fund Administration Agent.

Resources

- [Clinical Framework for the Delivery of Health Services](#)
- [Taking Action - Best Practice Framework - psychological](#)
- [SafeWork Australia](#)
- [Information Sheet for Workers – Independent Medical Examinations](#)
- [Guideline: Independent Medical Examinations](#)

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