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Accident Compensation (Apportioning Entitlements for Hearing Loss) Amendment Regulations 2024

Cindy Kiro, Governor-General

Order in Council

At Wellington this 2nd day of April 2024

Present:

The Right Hon Christopher Luxon presiding in Council

These regulations are made under section 324 of the Accident Compensation Act 2001-

- (a) on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council; and
- (b) on the recommendation of the Minister for ACC made in accordance with section 324(2) of that Act.

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Regulations

1 Title

These regulations are the Accident Compensation (Apportioning Entitlements for Hearing Loss) Amendment Regulations 2024.

2 Commencement

These regulations come into force on 1 June 2024.

3 Principal regulations

These regulations amend the Accident Compensation (Apportioning Entitlements for Hearing Loss) Regulations 2010.

4 Regulation 5 amended (Assessment)

In regulation 5(2), replace "\$160.99" with "\$168.86".

5 Regulation 5A amended (Device consultations)

In regulation 5A(2), replace "\$102.05" with "\$107.04".

6 Regulation 6 amended (Devices not chosen)

In regulation 6(2), replace "\$124.64" with "\$130.73".

7 Regulation 8 amended (Fittings)

- (1) In regulation 8(2), replace "\$1,142.96" with "\$1,198.85".
- (2) In regulation 8(3), replace "\$832.73" with "\$873.45".
- (3) In regulation 8(6), replace "\$311.60" with "\$326.84".

8 Regulation 9 amended (Service)

In regulation 9(2), replace "\$51.93" with "\$54.47".

9 Regulation 10 amended (Repairs)

In regulation 10(2), replace "\$207.73" with "\$217.89".

10 Regulation 10A amended (Replacement ear moulds)

- (1) In regulation 10A(2)(a), replace "\$36.40" with "\$38.18".
- (2) In regulation 10A(2)(b), replace "\$55.90" with "\$58.63".

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11 Schedule replaced

Replace the Schedule with the Schedule set out in the Schedule of these regulations.

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7(2)

Schedule

Maximum cost that Corporation is liable to pay for devices for each ear with covered hearing loss

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Covered hearing loss as percentage of total hearing loss	Cost (\$)
0.1–29.9	480.40
30.0–59.9	960.79
60.0–100	1,601.67

Rachel Hayward, Clerk of the Executive Council.

Explanatory note

This note is not part of the regulations but is intended to indicate their general effect.

These regulations, which come into force on 1 June 2024, amend the Accident Compensation (Apportioning Entitlements for Hearing Loss) Regulations 2010 (the **principal regulations**). The principal regulations prescribe the costs the Accident Compensation Corporation (the **Corporation**) is liable to pay for entitlements for covered hearing loss. The amendments reflect the outcome of the 2022 biennial review of rehabilitation costs under section 324A of the Accident Compensation Act 2001. The effect is to increase by 4.89% the costs the Corporation is liable to pay for entitlements under the principal regulations.

Regulatory impact statement

The Ministry of Business, Innovation, and Employment produced a regulatory impact statement on 23 June 2023 to help inform the decisions taken by the Government relating to the contents of this instrument.

A copy of this regulatory impact statement can be found at—

- https://www.mbie.govt.nz/dmsdocument/27564-regulatory-impact-statementproposals-for-updates-to-acc-regulations-dealing-with-treatment-paymentsafter-2022-review-proactiverelease-pdf
- https://treasury.govt.nz/publications/informationreleases/ris

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