



**INSTRUCTIONS AND MAXIMUM RATES**

**PURPOSE OF TRAVEL:** Mark an "X" in the appropriate box describing the reason for travel. Use a separate voucher for each kind of travel. For additional information go to the Department of Labor and Industry website <http://erd.dli.mt.gov> (workers' comp claims assistance tab and scroll down to work comp benefit summary).

**Submit this form and receipts to the address shown on the reverse side. Keep the yellow copy for your records.**

**GENERAL REIMBURSEMENT CONSIDERATIONS**

1. Injured employees are reimbursed for personal automobile and private airplane mileage at the current rate reimbursed to state employees. Prior authorization from the insurer is required for use of a private airplane.
2. Total reimbursable automobile miles are determined according to the most direct highway route between the injured worker's residence and the provider.
3. Expenses for eligible meals shall be reimbursed at the meal rates established for state employees.
4. Lodging is paid at state rates, with an original receipt. Out of state lodging is reimbursed at federal rates. If the injured employee does not have a receipt, the state rate for non-receipted lodging is paid.
5. If supported by paid receipts, miscellaneous costs, such as taxi fares or parking fees, are reimbursable.

**REIMBURSEMENT CONSIDERATIONS FOR SPECIFIC DATES**

**A. FOR INJURIES OCCURRING PRIOR TO JULY 1, 1993**

Contact your claims examiner for instructions and rates for travel expense reimbursement.

**B. FOR INJURIES OCCURRING ON OR BETWEEN JULY 1, 1993 AND JUNE 30, 2001**

1. For each calendar month, the first 50 miles are not reimbursable, and
2. The insurer shall reimburse the injured worker for reasonable travel expenses incurred in travel to a medical provider for treatment of an injury only if the travel is incurred at the request of the insurer. "At the request of the insurer" includes the insurer directing the worker to change treating physicians, attend an Independent Medical Exam (IME), use a Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) or be treated by a Managed Care Organization (MCO), and
3. General reimbursement criteria stated below.

**C. FOR INJURIES OCCURRING ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2001**

1. For each calendar month, the first 100 miles are not reimbursable unless the travel is requested by the insurer.
2. General reimbursement criteria stated below.

**GENERAL REIMBURSEMENT CRITERIA**

1. Claims for reimbursement must be submitted within 90 days of the travel in order to receive payment consideration.
2. Travel within a community in which the worker resides shall not be reimbursed. "Community" means the area within a 15-mile radius of the claimant's residence as determined as the most direct auto route between the claimant's residence and the provider.
3. Travel expenses and lodging rates are reimbursed at the rate payable to state employees. (Mont. Admin. R. 24.29.1409).
4. Preauthorized expenses incurred for direct commercial transportation by air or ground, shall be reimbursed if no other less costly form of travel is available, or when less costly forms of travel are not suitable to the injured worker's medical condition. Expenses, including rental cars, must be preauthorized. If an injured worker chooses to use commercial air transportation when a less costly form of transportation is available, the injured worker will be reimbursed the amount of the less costly travel.

TRAVEL TIME	IN-STATE	OUT-OF-STATE
<b>MEALS:</b>		
a. Three (3) hours or less	None	None
b. Greater than three (3) hours - and at least three (3) hours within each of the ranges below:		
Morning (12:01 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.)	\$ 5.00	\$13.00
Midday (10:01 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)	\$ 6.00	\$14.00
Evening (3:01 p.m. to 12:00 midnight)	\$12.00	\$23.00
<b>LODGING:</b>		
a. Receipted, per night, up to	\$ 94 (+tax) *	**
b. Non-receipted overnight stay	\$ 12.00	\$ 12.00

\*Tax means only the Montana bed tax. \*\*Contact your Claims Examiner for current rates

\*\*Lodging and meal reimbursement rates may have exceptions or changes, please contact your Claims Examiner with questions.