

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 93-16-072, filed 8/1/93, effective 9/1/93)

WAC 296-20-1103 Travel expense. The department or self-insurer will reimburse travel expense incurred by workers for the following reasons:

- (1) Examinations at department's or self-insurer's request;
- (2) Vocational services at department's or self-insurer's request;
- (3) ~~((treatment at department rehabilitation center;~~
- ~~(4))~~ Fitting of prosthetic device; and
- ~~((5))~~ (4) Upon prior authorization for treatment or vocational retraining when worker must travel more than ~~((ten))~~ fifteen miles one-way from the worker's home to the nearest point of adequate treatment or vocational retraining. Travel expense is not payable when adequate treatment is available within ~~((ten))~~ fifteen miles of injured worker's home, yet the injured worker prefers to report to an attending ~~((doctor))~~ provider outside the worker's home area.

Under subsections (3) and (4) of this section, when travel expense is authorized the first fifteen miles one-way are not payable. The first and last fifteen miles are not payable on an authorized round trip.

Travel expenses will be reimbursed at the current department rate.

Receipts are required for all expenses except parking expenses under ten dollars.

Claims for reimbursement of travel expenses must be received by the department or self-insurer within one year after the date expenses are incurred. Refer to WAC 296-20-125 and to department policy for additional rules.