



New South Wales

Workers Compensation Amendment (Medical Expenses) Regulation 2013

under the

Workers Compensation Act 1987

Her Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has made the following Regulation under the *Workers Compensation Act 1987*.

ANDREW CONSTANCE, MP
Minister for Finance and Services

Explanatory note

The object of this Regulation is to amend the *Workers Compensation Regulation 2010* to make a transitional provision for compensation for medical and other treatments relating to the commencement of the *Workers Compensation Legislation Amendment Act 2012* enabling the payment of compensation for certain specified treatments, for which no compensation would be otherwise payable, after the cut-off date of 1 January 2014 if they were approved by the insurer before that date.

This Regulation is made under the *Workers Compensation Act 1987*, including section 280 (the general regulation-making power) and Part 20 of Schedule 6 to that Act.

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1 Name of Regulation

This Regulation is the *Workers Compensation Amendment (Medical Expenses) Regulation 2013*.

2 Commencement

This Regulation commences on the day on which it is published on the NSW legislation website.

Schedule 1 **Amendment of Workers Compensation Regulation 2010**

Schedule 8 Savings and transitional provisions

Insert after clause 5:

5A Compensation for medical and other expenses for existing claimants

- (1) Compensation is payable in accordance with Division 3 of Part 3 of the Act to an existing injured worker for any of the following treatments, services or assistance if approved by the insurer before 1 January 2014:
 - (a) treatment by a medical practitioner, a registered dentist or a dental prosthetist,
 - (b) hospital treatment and any related workplace rehabilitation services,
 - (c) any nursing, medicines, medical or surgical supplies or curative apparatus, supplied or provided for the worker otherwise than as hospital treatment,
 - (d) the provision of artificial members, hearing aids, hearing aid batteries, crutches, spectacles, eyes or teeth and other artificial aids.
- (2) This clause has effect despite any provision of section 59A of the Act but does not affect the operation of section 151A of the Act.
- (3) In this clause:
existing injured worker means a worker who was in receipt of compensation under Part 3 of the Act before the commencement of section 59A of the Act.