



Mr Brian Coleman
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12 December 2008

Dear Mr Coleman,

Following consultation regarding the fee structure for remedial massage therapists earlier in 2008, WorkCover NSW have gazetted the fee schedule for 2009. Indexation of fees, based on changes to the Wage Cost Index, for remedial massage therapists will occur on the 1 January each year. The table below outlines the Workers Compensation (Remedial Massage Therapy Services Fees) Order 2009 that commence 1 January 2009.

Table 1: Fees for WorkCover approved Remedial Massage Therapists from 1 January 2009

Payment Code	Type of Treatment	Maximum amount (\$)
RMA 001	Consultation and treatment (60 minute duration)	63.40 (excl GST)
RMA 002	Consultation and treatment (45 minute duration)	47.60 (excl GST)
RMA 003	Consultation and treatment (30 minute duration)	31.70 (excl GST)

Only remedial massage therapists who have WorkCover approval to provide remedial massage therapy services will be eligible for payment for remedial massage therapy services provided to injured workers. This will provide consistency in the quality of treatment provided that is more reflective of the standard set for WorkCover approved remedial massage therapists.

With these changes, non-approved remedial massage therapists will not be eligible to receive payment for services to injured workers. No new treatment plans for non-approved remedial massage therapists will be approved in 2009.

WorkCover would appreciate your communicating the new fee structure to your membership to ensure that all practitioners are aware of the changes.

At present, over 700 remedial massage therapists are WorkCover approved. These practitioners will receive information regarding the changes to fees. The Guidelines for Remedial Massage Therapists will be updated early in 2009 and provided to you for comment.

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All remedial massage therapists who are approved by WorkCover are required to attend the WorkCover Outcomes Training Course within six months to maintain their approval status. This course contains valuable information regarding the workers compensation system in New South Wales, evidence based practice and outcome measures. This course is presented by Dr Sandra Grace on behalf of WorkCover at four venues during the year (see attached schedule for 2009). The following modules are covered during the course:

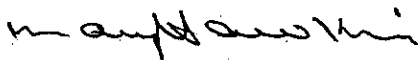
- (1) Organisation – Setting the scene – the Workers Compensation System
- (2) Evidence – Evidence-based practice
- (3) Outcomes – Outcome measures
- (4) Communication – the remedial massage therapist's role within the workers compensation system
- (5) Resources.

A number of attendees have asked about continuing professional development (CPD) points for this course and I request that this course be considered for inclusion in your organisation's CPD program.

Any questions regarding this letter are welcome and can be forwarded to Lana Meggs at the following:

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Yours sincerely,



Mary Hawkins.
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REMEDIAL MASSAGE THERAPIST

OUTCOMES TRAINING

REGISTRATION FORM

Please nominate below the course you wish to attend:

Option 1	
Course Date: _____	Venue: _____
Option 2	
Course Date: _____	Venue: _____
Participant Name: _____	
Address: _____	
Phone (BH): _____	Fax (BH): _____
WorkCover Approval No.: _____	

COURSE COST: \$85 + \$8.50 GST TOTAL \$93.50

Note: This document will serve as a TAX INVOICE for GST purposes once completed. Receipts for payment will not be issued, so please ensure you take a copy of this form before submitting.

ABN 77 682 742 966

Payment Details	<input type="checkbox"/> Mastercard	<input type="checkbox"/> Visa	<input type="checkbox"/> Bankcard	<input type="checkbox"/> American Express
Name on Credit Card:	_____			
Credit Card No.:	_____			
Expiry Date:	_____			
Signature:	_____			

FAX: 9287 4321 or email provider.services@workcover.nsw.gov.au

Alternatively you may post your registration form enclosing a cheque payable "WorkCover NSW" and send to:

Provider Services Group
WorkCover NSW
Locked Bag 2906
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WORKCOVER OUTCOMES TRAINING COURSES FOR REMEDIAL MASSAGE THERAPISTS

This half-day course is designed specifically for remedial massage therapists and provides the information and skills to better manage injured workers in the NSW workers compensation system.

Participation in the course will meet the ongoing requirements of approval by WorkCover. Failure to attend one of the courses within 6 months of receiving your WorkCover approval is a breach of the conditions of your WorkCover approval.

If you have previously participated in the *WorkCover Outcomes Training Course*, you are not required to attend the course again. However, if you are interested in attending again you are welcome to apply.

See the list below for course details offered in 2009.

TIME: 8.30am – 1.00pm

COST: \$93.50 (including GST)

MARCH 2009

Friday 6th March	Cronulla	Rydges	20-26 The Kingsway
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JUNE 2009

Saturday 6 th June	Newcastle	Travelodge	Cnr King & Steel Sts
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SEPTEMBER 2009

Saturday 5 th September	North Sydney	Rydges	54 McLaren Street
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NOVEMBER 2009

Saturday 7 th November	Wollongong	Rydges	112 Burelli Street
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HOW TO REGISTER

Please complete the registration form on the reverse of this flyer.

NB: Participant numbers for each course are strictly limited to 30.

Courses are filled on a first in first served basis.

For any additional enquiries please contact Provider Services on 1 800 801 905.