

Bulletin 01-2011

December 13, 2010

**Re: Minor Injury Regulation**

The purpose of this bulletin is to provide information concerning the amendment to the minor injury amount, calculated in accordance with the Minor Injury Regulation (Regulation).

In accordance with the Regulation, effective January 1, 2011, the minor injury amount of \$4,518 will be adjusted by 0.9%, to \$4,559. The new amount relates to minor injuries caused in motor vehicle accidents that occur in Alberta on or after January 1, 2011. A table of the historical minor injury amounts is enclosed in the appendix.

The Regulation requires an annual adjustment to the total amount recoverable as damages for non-pecuniary loss for all minor injuries sustained by a claimant as a result of a motor vehicle accident. The annual adjustment is effective January 1 of each year. The amount of any adjustment is related to the annual change in the Alberta Consumer Price Index.

If you have any questions regarding the adjustment to the minor injury amount, you may contact Mr. Arthur Hagan, Deputy Superintendent of Insurance Regulation and Market Conduct at 780-422-1592.

Sincerely,

*Original signed by*

Dennis Gartner  
Superintendent of Insurance



### Appendix

The historical minor injury amounts, reported by effective date, are as follows:

| <b>Effective Date Range</b>          | <b>Minor Injury Amount</b> |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| October 1, 2004 to December 31, 2006 | \$ 4,000                   |
| January 1, 2007 – December 31, 2007  | \$ 4,144                   |
| January 1, 2008 – December 31, 2008  | \$ 4,339                   |
| January 1, 2009 – December 31, 2009  | \$ 4,504                   |
| January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2010  | \$ 4,518                   |
| January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011  | \$ 4,559                   |