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Tēnā koe Mr Jordan

Thank you for your email dated 30 August 2019, asking for information relating to Work and Income's Work Capacity Medical Certificate.

You write to ask if 'covered by ACC' means if the impairment is being funded by ACC or whether it includes that the impairment should be funded by ACC. You also ask what support may be available for those in medico legal disputes with ACC, that the usual Work and Income client would not be entitled to.

On the Work Capacity Medical Certificate, question 2 asks for information about ACC. Where the form asks if the impairment is 'covered by ACC', this means, is the client currently receiving ACC payments to compensate for their loss of earnings. With regard to your second question, there is no form of assistance from Work and Income that is exclusively available to people in medico disputes with ACC.

Where a person over 18 years of age has an injury and is not working at the time of the injury, ACC pays for the medical and social rehabilitation and the Ministry of Social Development (Work and Income) pay for vocational rehabilitation – this can include any workplace adjustments to help the person get into employment.

Where a person is awaiting the outcome of their ACC claim, they can receive a benefit from Work and Income where they meet the eligibility criteria. However, this is generally on condition that these benefit payments are repaid from any ACC arrears once the claim is paid.

Further information about this is can be found on Work and Income's website here: www.workandincome.govt.nz/map/income-support/core-policy/income/types-of-income/accident-compensation.html.

If you would like your particular situation looked into, I encourage you to email your full details to the Chief Executive at: info@msd.govt.nz.

Thank you again for writing. I hope this information is helpful to you.

Nāku iti noa, nā

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