

FEEDBACK REPORT

Work stream no. 1 - Medical / Healthcare Aspects – Sub-stream 3

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| Sub-stream No. 3 | | Access to rehabilitation (Return to Economic Productivity) | | | | |
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| FOCUS AREA | SOLUTION | CLAIMANT | STATUS | DEPENDENCIES | ACTIONS TO IMPLEMENT | IMPACT ON KEY RAF ELEMENTS |
| <p>Access to rehabilitation services in South Africa is severely limited.</p> <p>Quality of service provision and co-ordination varies considerably.</p> <p>Vocational rehabilitation and liaison with employers should be prioritized.</p> <p>MVAs result in high levels of permanent disability, suffering and dependency, as well as unnecessarily high sums in compensation, that can be reduced by appropriate rehabilitation.</p> | <p>A. Provision of early, intensive and co-ordinated multi-disciplinary rehabilitation.</p> <p>B. RAF to collaborate with Department of Health and private rehabilitation services so that rehabilitation services can be expanded.</p> <p>C. Pre-settlement case managers should be appointed to optimize rehabilitation and return to work.</p> <p>D. Adopt expanded definition of MMI to include rehabilitation.</p> | <p>Significant reduction of permanent disability, suffering and dependency.</p> <p>Restoration of dignity and return to work.</p> <p>Significant reduction of compensation for permanent disability and suffering.</p> | Complete | <p>In-bound – Input / info needed from another group in order to proceed. NO</p> <p>Outbound - Need to complete before other group(s) can proceed. YES</p> | <p>Publish RAF directives.</p> <p>(COMMENT. In collaboration with outside experts/organizations if necessary. APRAV and SAMLA are willing to assist.)</p> | <p>1. Impact on RAF Act? POSSIBLY</p> <p>2. Impact on RAF Regulations? POSSIBLY</p> <p>3. Impact on settlement agreements? MINIMAL – DEFER TO LEGAL STREAM</p> <p>4. Impact on RAF budget? DEFER TO FINANCE STREAM</p> <p>5. Impact on Fuel Levy? DEFER TO FINANCE STREAM</p> |