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We wish to express our concerns with the practice of paying wage loss when an injured worker needs to leave work to attend a medical appointment or other appointment related to his WCB claim.

We would suggest that a 3 to 4 hour window be provided to allow a worker to obtain the required treatment or medical service without an employer incurring a time loss statistic or wage replacement benefit cost. Instead, we are requesting that the employer be allowed to maintain the injured worker on their usual payroll which attending these non-work related appointments.

While it may seem expedient to enforce payment of wage replacement benefits for any time that a worker is not at work and attending related medical appointments, employers will often respond by demanding that a worker attend these appointment after (or before work hours) to avoid incurring time loss and corresponding wage loss benefit costs. This usually results in a hardship for a worker who must work his full modified work duty days and then attend required medical or rehabilitation appointments.

It is not only in the best interests of employers but it is also in the best interest of workers to allow them to attend these appointments during the work day without having to incur a time loss day or part of a day.

Thank you for your consideration