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**NOTICE NUMBER:** 03-2017

**TITLE:** MINOR INJURY REGULATION – ANNUAL INCREASE IN  
AMOUNT FOR NON-PECUNIARY DAMAGES

**DATE:** December 2017

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**To:** All Insurance Companies Licensed in Alberta to Sell Automobile  
Insurance

**Attention:** Chief Executive Officer

The purpose of this bulletin is to provide information regarding the 2018 amendment to the minor injury cap in pain and suffering (non-pecuniary) damages, calculated in accordance with the Minor Injury Regulation (regulation).

The regulation requires an annual adjustment to the total amount recoverable as damages for pain and suffering for minor injuries sustained by a claimant as a result of an automobile accident. The annual adjustment is effective January 1 each year. Adjustments are based on the annual change in Alberta's Consumer Price Index. A table of the historical maximum minor injury pain and suffering amounts is attached as an appendix.

In accordance with the regulation, effective January 1, 2018, the maximum amount that can be claimed for pain and suffering under the regulation will be adjusted by 1.2 per cent, to \$5,080. The new amount is applicable to minor injuries resulting from automobile accidents that occur in Alberta on or after January 1, 2018.

If you have questions regarding this bulletin, please contact our office, either by e-mail at [tbf.insurance@gov.ab.ca](mailto:tbf.insurance@gov.ab.ca), or by phone at 780-643-2237 (toll-free in Alberta by first dialing 310-0000).

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## Appendix

The historical maximum minor injury pain and suffering damage amounts, reported by effective date, are as follows:

<b>Effective Date Range</b>	<b>Minor Injury Amount</b>
October 1, 2004 – 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
January 1, 2012 – December 31, 2012	\$4,641
January 1, 2013 – December 31, 2013	\$4,725
January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014	\$4,777
January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015	\$4,892
January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016	\$4,956
January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017	\$5,020
January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018	\$5,080