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The Form One: (an excerpt from The Canadian Independent Adjuster June 2002 issue by Hazel Bowles from Sibley & Associates Inc.)

When an individual is injured or has a serious illness, assistance with personal care is often required (e.g. dressing, feeding, bathing etc.). For those victims of traumatic injury such as a motor vehicle accident, the need for personal or attendant care is abruptly forced upon them allowing little or no time to access public resources. Often, attendant care assistance is only temporarily needed as the individual recovers. However, in some cases such as catastrophic injury, long-term assistance is required.

The Statutory Accident Benefits Schedule (SABS) requires the Form One be used when conducting an Attendant Care Assessment and submitting a claim for attendant care.

The Form One is designed to quantify the injured client's personal care needs by requiring the healthcare professional(s) to assess and record the time it takes an individual and attendant to complete certain activities listed on the Form One, and make various calculations to determine a final monthly figure to claim for attendant care benefits.

Although at first glance the Form One appears to be straightforward, it is actually subjective and unclear because the determination of what activities fall under each section is open to interpretation. In addition, the allocated dollars do not reflect the fees charged by professional agencies. As a result, different Attendant Care Assessments based on the same file and client could yield very different conclusions!

Please see attachment for an overview of when an attendant care assessment should be conducted.

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