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## Taking the Mystery out of Form 1 used for Attendant Care Assessments

An Attendant Care Assessment is conducted to determine an injured client's need for personal care assistance (e.g., dressing/undressing, feeding, hygiene). This kind of assessment should only be conducted by a regulated healthcare professional, such as an Occupational Therapist, whose training includes how to determine the impact injury may have on a client's life.

The healthcare professional uses the SABS' Form 1 to conduct the assessment, however, this is where some frustration can arise for both the healthcare professional and the adjuster. The Form 1 can be confusing due to its lack of clarity, which may result in a wide range of interpretation by the healthcare professional(s) conducting the assessment. As a result, an Attendant Care Assessment based on the same file and client could yield very different conclusions.

To help take the mystery out of the Form 1, Hazel Bowles, OT from Sibley & Associates, chaired a committee to clarify the use of The Form 1.

Subsequently, a draft summary document was written. Through the Ontario Society of Occupational Therapists (OSOT), Hazel presented the findings at their annual conference. The presentation defined what each activity/category of The Form 1 means (e.g., dressing/undressing, feeding, hygiene) and provided practical considerations for what to look for when assessing each activity/category. As a result, OTs from across Ontario will utilize the same considerations when assessing The Form 1 for a consistent approach. Therefore, being able to differentiate more clearly between housekeeping, attendant care, caregiving and medical/rehabilitation dollars, so that the appropriate assistance is taken out of the appropriate budget!

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