Workers Comp Must Pay for Injured Worker's Stair Lift



A worker with a work-related foot injury installed a stair lift in her home but workers comp refused to pay for it. Its reasoning: Her benefits were for chronic pain and the evidence didn't show she had mobility issues. The worker appealed, citing the new report from her physiotherapist indicating that climbing stairs put the worker at risk of falling and recommending use of the stair lift. This was enough to persuade the Nova Scotia Workers Comp Appeals Tribunal that the worker had a valid claim and award her reimbursement for the stair lift [2020-103-AD (Re), 2020 CanLII 83222 (NS WCAT), October 27, 2020].