



## **Injured Oregon Pedestrians Get Your Medical Bills Paid**

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I am a Bend, Oregon attorney whose practice is in Central Oregon. How do pedestrians in Oregon get their medical bills paid when they are injured in an accident with a motor vehicle?

### **1. Who are Pedestrians in Oregon?**

A pedestrian in Oregon includes someone walking or riding a bicycle or someone in a wheelchair, even if the wheelchair is powered.

### **2. Who Pays an Injured Pedestrian's Medical Bills in Oregon?**

When a pedestrian is hit by a vehicle in Oregon, the auto insurer for the pedestrian pays the medical bills under its personal injury protection coverage or PIP. If the pedestrian does not have auto insurance or health insurance and is not entitled to health insurance under a state or federal plan, the auto insurer for the vehicle pays the medical bills under its PIP coverage. The auto insurer for the vehicle will pay even if the pedestrian is not hit by the vehicle.

### **3. How Much of Your Medical Bills will PIP pay in Oregon?**

The amount PIP will pay depends on the insurance policy. In Oregon, PIP is required to pay at least \$15,000 in medical expenses. Some insurance policies pay more, so read the policy.

### **4. For How Long Will PIP Pay for Medical Bills in Oregon?**

For how long PIP will pay depends on the insurance policy. In Oregon, PIP is required to pay for medical treatment incurred within at least one year of the MVA. Some policies require payment for treatment received within three years of the MVA or more. Read the policy!

### **5. How to Get PIP to Pay Your Medical Bills in Oregon.**

Call your Oregon insurance agent and tell them to open a PIP claim. They will give you the name of the PIP claims representative from the insurance company and a PIP claim number. When you see your doctor, give them the name and phone number of the PIP claims representative and the PIP claim number and they should bill to the PIP claims representative.

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