

## Worker's Compensation Insurance Letter

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**To:** Insurance Carriers, Self Insured Employers and Claims Handling Offices  
**From:** Frances Huntley-Cooper, Division Administrator  
**Subject:** Worker's Compensation 2007 Rate Changes

**Purpose:** Announce 2007 maximum rates.

**Background:** Wisconsin's maximum Worker's Compensation rate is \$777 per week for temporary total disability, permanent total disability and death benefits for injuries occurring on or after January 1, 2007 and before January 1, 2008. The new average weekly wage used to compute the maximum rate is \$1165.50.

Using this new wage raises the maximum death benefit for fatal injuries occurring on or after January 1, 2007 to \$233,100.

The maximum weekly indemnity rate for permanent partial disability will increase to \$262 for injuries occurring on or after January 1, 2007.

The 2007 maximum limit increases by 3.7% to \$1361 for services provided to worker's compensation claimants by private vocational rehabilitation specialists. This new rate applies regardless of the date of injury. When the Department of Workforce Development's Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) is unable to provide services to eligible injured workers, insurers are required to pay the reasonable and necessary vocational rehabilitation costs including the costs of services provided by the vocational rehabilitation specialists in the private sector.

**Action Requested:** Please inform all claim handlers of these changes.

**Inquiries:** A chart with detailed benefit payment information for 2007 is available on our web site at: <http://www.dwd.state.wi.us/dwd/publications/wc/WKC-9572-P.pdf>

If you have any questions, please contact us at (608) 266-1340.

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