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Worker's Compensation Insurance Letter

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To: Claims Handling Offices for Insurance Carriers and Self Insured Employers
From: John Metcalf, Division Administrator
Subject: Worker's Compensation 2012 Rate Changes

Purpose: Announce 2012 maximum rates effective January 1, 2012.

Background: Wisconsin's maximum Worker's Compensation rate will increase to \$854 per week for temporary total disability, permanent total disability and death benefits for injuries occurring on or after January 1, 2012 and before January 1, 2013. The new average weekly wage used to compute the maximum rate is \$1281.

Using this new wage raises the maximum death benefit for fatal injuries occurring on or after January 1, 2012 to \$256,200.

The maximum weekly indemnity rate for permanent partial disability will remain \$302 for injuries occurring on or after January 1, 2012.

In accordance with Wisconsin Administrative Code, DWD 80.49(7)(e), the 2011 limit for private vocational rehabilitation services increased by 2.4% to \$1509. This change is based on the average annual percentage change in the U.S. Consumer price index for all urban consumers. The new limit applies regardless of the date of injury.

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

Inquiries: A chart with detailed benefit payment information for 2012 is available on our web site at: <http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/dwd/publications/wc/WKC-9572-P.pdf>.

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

Reference: Insurance Letter 486.