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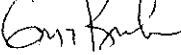
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INS 381

To: Worker's Compensation Insurance Carriers
Self-Insured Employers

From: Gregory Krohm, Administrator 
Worker's Compensation Division

Re: Worker's Compensation Statutory Changes

The Worker's Compensation Act has been amended to increase the maximum compensation rate to \$523 per week for temporary total disability, permanent total disability and death benefits for injuries occurring on or after January 1, 1998 and before January 1, 1999. The new average weekly wage that will result in the new maximum rate will be \$784.50.

Using this new wage will raise the maximum death benefit for fatal injuries occurring on or after January 1, 1998 to \$156,900.

The maximum weekly indemnity rate for permanent partial disability will become \$179 for injuries occurring on or after January 1, 1998.

Injured workers have been receiving reimbursement for necessary travel expense for treatment or examination at the rate of 26 cents per mile when required to use a private motor vehicle. For travel on or after January 1, 1998 reimbursement will be at 29 cents per mile. When public transportation is available and the injured person is able to use it, reimbursement is at the public transportation rate.

More detailed benefit payment information for 1998 is available in the enclosed chart. A summary of statutory changes is also enclosed.

Please notify all personnel who handle Wisconsin claims of this process. If you have any questions, please contact us at (608) 266-1340.

Detailed information about law changes and benefits can be found on the Division's web page:

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WORKER'S COMPENSATION -- MAXIMUM WAGE AND RATE CHART

EFFECTIVE DATE	1/1/98	1/1/97	1/1/96	1/1/95	1/1/94	1/1/93	1/1/92	1/1/91	1/1/90
MAXIMUM WEEKLY WAGE FOR TEMPORARY, PERMANENT TOTAL & DEATH BENEFITS	784.50	763.50	741.00	718.50	699.00	675.00	675.00	582.00	567.00
WEEKLY RATE	523.00	509.00	494.00	479.00	466.00	450.00	450.00	388.00	378.00
DAILY RATE	87.17	84.83	82.33	79.83	77.67	75.00	75.00	64.67	63.00
MAXIMUM WAGE FOR PERMANENT PARTIAL ONLY	268.50	261.00	253.50	246.00	237.00	228.00	216.00	205.50	196.50
MONTHLY RATE	775.67	754.00	732.33	710.67	684.67	658.67	624.00	593.67	567.67
WEEKLY RATE	179.00	174.00	169.00	164.00	158.00	152.00	144.00	137.00	131.00
MAXIMUM ANNUAL WAGE (WEEKLY WAGE X 50)	39,225.00	38,175.00	37,050.00	35,925.00	34,950.00	33,750.00	33,750.00	29,100.00	28,350.00
MAXIMUM DEATH BENEFIT (ANNUAL WAGE X 4)	156,900.00	152,700.00	148,200.00	143,700.00	139,800.00	135,000.00	135,000.00	116,400.00	113,400.00
MAXIMUM PAYMENT TO SPOUSE	2,266.33	2,205.67	2,140.67	2,075.67	2,019.33	1,950.00	1,950.00	1,681.33	1,638.00
MONTHLY RATE	523.00	509.00	494.00	479.00	466.00	450.00	450.00	388.00	378.00
WEEKLY RATE	226.63	220.57	214.07	207.57	201.93	195.00	195.00	168.13	163.80
MAXIMUM PAYMENT FROM CHILDREN'S FUND	52.30	50.90	49.40	47.90	46.60	45.00	45.00	38.80	37.80
MONTHLY RATE	6,500.00	6,500.00	6,500.00	6,500.00	6,500.00	6,500.00	6,500.00	6,500.00	6,500.00
WEEKLY RATE	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
DEATH BENEFITS TO UNESTRANGED PARENTS	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
MAXIMUM BURIAL EXPENSE	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
PAYMENT INTO STATE FUND s. 102.59									
PAYMENT INTO STATE FUND TOTAL DEPENDENCY--s. 102.49									
PAYMENT INTO STATE FUND NO DEPENDENCY--s. 102.49									

\$5,000.00 plus 100% of Death Benefit in 5 installments.

1990 ----- \$22,680 per installment if max .
 \$21,380 if parents receive \$6,500
 1991 ----- \$23,280 per installment if max
 \$21,980 if parents receive \$6,500
 1992 & 93 - \$27,000 per installment if max
 \$25,700 if parents receive \$6,500

1994 - 97 no payments required
 1998*----- \$31,380 per installment if max
 \$30,080 if parents receive \$6,500

* if payments are required