

**Worker's Compensation
Insurance Letter**

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To: Insurance Carrier and Self Insured Employer Claims Handling Offices
From: Judy Norman-Nunnery, Division Administrator
Subject: Worker's Compensation Rate Changes

Purpose: Announce 2002 maximum rates.

Background: As a result of changes in the law that will be effective January 1, 2002, certain rates and benefits will be increased as follows:

- The maximum rate will be increased to \$647 per week for temporary total disability, permanent total disability and death benefits for injuries occurring on or after January 1, 2002 and before January 1, 2003.
- The maximum weekly indemnity rate for permanent partial disability will increase to \$212 for injuries occurring on or after January 1, 2002.
- The new average weekly wage used to compute the maximum rate will be \$970.50. This new wage raises the maximum death benefit for fatal injuries occurring on or after January 1, 2002 to \$194,100.
- The weekly maximum benefit payable for supplemental benefits will be increased to \$202 for claims with injury dates prior to January 1, 1978.
- The mileage reimbursement rate will be increased to \$0.325 per mile.
- The maximum annual limit for 2002, for services provided by private vocational rehabilitation specialists will be increased to \$1193.20

Action Requested: Please inform all claims handlers of these changes and instruct them to use them as of the effective date. Request reimbursement of supplemental benefit payments under s. 102.44(1) Wis. Stats. on form WKC-140 for year 2001. You may copy the form from the reverse side of this letter.

Inquiries: A chart with more detailed benefit payment information is available on our web site at: http://www.dwd.state.wi.us/wc/about_us/publications/wkc_9572p.
If you have any questions, please contact us at (608) 266-1340.

Enclosures: None

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