

## 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 2006 Rate Changes

**Purpose:** Announce maximum rates effective April 1, 2006.

**Background:** As a result of changes in the Act, certain rates and benefits were increased effective April 1, 2006. Please reference Insurance Letter 458 for additional rate changes which took effect on January 1, 2006.

Wisconsin's maximum Worker's Compensation rate was increased to \$744 per week for temporary total disability, permanent total disability and death benefits for injuries occurring on or after April 1, 2006 and before January 1, 2007. The new average weekly wage used to compute the maximum rate is \$1116.00.

The maximum death benefit for fatal injuries occurring on or after April 1, 2006 was increased to \$223,200.

The maximum weekly indemnity rate for permanent partial disability was increased to \$252 for injuries occurring on or after April 1, 2006.

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

**Inquiries:** A chart with detailed benefit payment information for 2006 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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**Reference:** Insurance Letter 458