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**To:** Claims Handling Offices for Insurance Carriers and Self Insured Employers  
**From:** Frances Huntley-Cooper, Division Administrator  
**Subject:** Worker's Compensation 2010 Rate Changes

**Purpose:** Announce 2010 maximum rates effective January 1, 2010.

**Background:** Wisconsin's maximum Worker's Compensation rate will increase to \$815 per week for temporary total disability, permanent total disability and death benefits for injuries occurring on or after January 1, 2010 and before January 1, 2011. The new average weekly wage used to compute the maximum rate is \$1222.50.

Using this new wage raises the maximum death benefit for fatal injuries occurring on or after January 1, 2010 to \$244,500.

The maximum weekly indemnity rate for permanent partial disability will remain at \$282 for injuries occurring on or after January 1, 2010.

In accordance with Wisconsin Administrative Code, DWD 80.49(7)(e), the 2010 limit for private vocational rehabilitation services decreased by 0.3% to \$1449. 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.

Additional changes including increases in the permanent partial disability rate and supplemental benefits will be announced when those provisions become effective.

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

**Inquiries:** A chart with detailed benefit payment information for 2010 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 Letters 478