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TO: Workers' Compensation Insurance Carriers and Self-Insurers Operating in the Commonwealth of Kentucky

FROM: Robert L Swisher, Commissioner
Kentucky Department of Workers' Claims

RE: CORRECTED WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFIT SCHEDULE-2018

DATE: October 30, 2017

The Education and Workforce Development Cabinet, Office of Employment and Training, has certified that the average weekly wage for Kentucky for Calendar year 2016 was \$848.41. Based upon that information and in accordance with KRS 342.143, the following determinations are made:

1. The increase in maximum income benefits under all provisions of the Workers' Compensation Act for the year 2016 over the year 2015 did amount to \$2.00 or more; therefore, the maximum weekly indemnity benefits for calendar year 2018 shall be \$848.41.
2. There was an increase of \$1.00 or more in minimum income benefits; therefore, the minimum weekly indemnity benefits under all provisions of the Act shall be \$169.67 for calendar year 2018.

An amended schedule of indemnity benefits is attached hereto. This schedule supersedes the schedule published August 29, 2017.

Attachment



SCHEDULE OF WEEKLY WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS

TYPE OF DISABILITY SECTION OF STATUTE	FOR INJURIES OCCURRING					
	01-01-13 thru 12-31-13	01-01-14 thru 12-31-14	01-01-15 thru 12-31-15	01-01-16 thru 12-31-16	01-01-17 thru 12-31-17	01-01-18 thru 12-31-18
APPLICABLE AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE OF THE STATE	\$752.69 (2011)	\$769.06 (2012)	\$773.61 (2013)	\$798.63 (2014)	\$835.04 (2015)	\$848.41 (2016)
DEATH (KRS 342.750 a. Widow or widower with no children-50% of average weekly wage of deceased-subject to the following: MAXIMUM MINIMUM	\$376.36 150.54	\$384.55 153.81	\$386.83 154.72	\$399.34 159.72	\$417.55 167.00	\$424.24 169.67
b. Widow or widowers with children living in the home-45% of average weekly wage of deceased plus 15% for each child-subject to the following: MAXIMUM MINIMUM	\$564.52 150.54	\$576.80 153.81	\$580.21 154.72	\$598.98 159.72	\$626.29 167.00	\$636.32 169.67
c. Widow or widower with children not living in home-40% of average weekly wage of deceased plus 15% for each child-subject to the following: MAXIMUM MINIMUM	\$564.52 150.54	\$576.80 153.81	\$580.21 154.72	\$598.98 159.72	\$626.29 167.00	\$636.32 169.67
d. One child, no widow or widower-50% of average weekly wage of deceased-subject to the following: MAXIMUM MINIMUM	\$376.36 150.54	\$384.55 153.81	\$386.83 154.72	\$399.34 159.72	\$417.55 167.00	\$424.24 169.67
d(1) More than one child, no widow or widower-50% of average weekly wage of deceased for the first child with an additional 15% of average weekly wage of deceased for each additional child-subject to the following: MAXIMUM MINIMUM	\$564.52 150.54	\$576.80 153.81	\$580.21 154.72	\$598.98 159.72	\$626.29 167.00	\$636.32 169.67
e. Dependent parents-25% of average weekly wage of deceased to each parent-subject to the following: MAXIMUM MINIMUM	\$564.52 150.54	\$576.80 153.81	\$580.21 154.72	\$598.98 159.72	\$626.29 167.00	\$636.72 169.67
f. Dependent brothers, sisters, grandparents and grandchildren- 25% of average weekly wage of deceased to each dependent subject to the following: MAXIMUM MINIMUM	\$564.52 150.54	\$576.80 153.81	\$580.21 154.72	\$598.98 159.72	\$626.29 167.00	\$636.32 169.67

The above is subject to the maximum of 75% of the average weekly wage of the deceased.

