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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: REVISED WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFIT SCHEDULE- 2018

DATE: June 25, 2018

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 the period from January 1, 2018 through July 13, 2018, shall be \$848.41; for injuries occurring on or after July 14, 2018, the maximum weekly indemnity benefits shall be \$933.25.
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.

A revised schedule of indemnity benefits is attached hereto which takes into consideration the provisions of HB2 of the 2018 Regular Session of the General Assembly. This schedule supersedes the schedule published September 15, 2017.

Attachment



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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	\$424.21 169.67
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.

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LUMP SUM DEATH BENEFIT INCREASE KRS 342.750(6)	\$73,933.98	\$75,541.95	\$75,988.88	\$78,446.51	\$82,022.93	\$83,336.22	\$83,336.22
TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT TOTAL KRS 342.730(1)(a) 66 2/3% of average weekly wage of employee-subject to the following: MAXIMUM MINIMUM	\$752.69 150.54	\$769.06 153.81	\$773.61 154.72	\$798.63 159.72	\$835.04 167.00	\$848.41 169.67	\$933.25 169.67
RETRAINING INCENTIVE BENEFITS KRS 342.732(1)(a) – 66 2/3% of average weekly wage of employee-subject to the following: MAXIMUM MINIMUM	\$564.62 NONE	\$576.80 NONE	\$580.21 NONE	\$598.98 NONE	\$626.29 NONE	\$636.32 NONE	\$636.32 NONE
PERMANENT PARTIAL FOR INJURIES OCCURRING AFTER 12-11-96 – KRS 342.730(1)(b), (1)(c)(2) and (1)(d) – 99% of 66 2/3% of average weekly wage of employee subject to the following: MAXIMUM MINIMUM	\$564.52 NONE	\$576.80 NONE	\$580.21 NONE	\$598.98 NONE	\$626.29 NONE	\$636.32 NONE	\$699.94 NONE
PERMANENT PARTIAL FOR INJURIES OCCURRING AFTER 12-11-96 – KRS 342.730(1)(c)(1) and (1)(d) – When the employee does not retain physical capacity to return to the type of work performed at the time of injury – 99% of 66 2/3% of average weekly wage of employee subject to the following: MAXIMUM MINIMUM	\$752.69 NONE	\$769.06 NONE	\$773.61 NONE	\$798.63 NONE	\$835.04 NONE	\$848.41 NONE	\$933.25 NONE