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

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

RE: WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFIT SCHEDULE- 2019

DATE: August 17, 2018

The Education and Workforce Development Cabinet, Office of Employment and Training, has certified that the average weekly wage for Kentucky for Calendar year 2017 was \$868.47. 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 2019 shall be \$868.47.
2. There was an increase of \$1.00 or more in minimum income benefits; therefore, the minimum weekly indemnity benefits, where applicable under the Act, shall be \$173.69 for calendar year 2019.

A schedule of indemnity benefits is attached hereto.

Attachment



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**SCHEDULE OF WEEKLY WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS**

**TYPE OF DISABILITY  
SECTION OF STATUTE**

**FOR INJURIES OCCURRING**

	01-01-14 through 12-31-14	01-01-15 through 12-31-15	01-01-16 through 12-31-16	01-01-17 through 12-31-17	01-01-18 through 12-31-18	01-01-19 through 12-31-19
<b>APPLICABLE AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE OF THE STATE</b>	\$769.06 (2012)	\$773.61 (2013)	\$798.63 (2014)	\$835.04 (2015)	\$848.41 (2016)	\$868.47 (2017)
<b>DEATH (KRS 342.750)</b>						
a. Widow or widower with no children-50% of average weekly wage of deceased-subject to the following: MAXIMUM MINIMUM	\$384.55 NONE	\$386.83 NONE	\$399.34 NONE	\$417.55 NONE	\$424.21 NONE	\$434.24 NONE
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	\$576.80 NONE	\$580.21 NONE	\$598.98 NONE	\$626.29 NONE	\$636.32 NONE	\$651.35 NONE
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	\$576.80 NONE	\$580.21 NONE	\$598.98 NONE	\$626.29 NONE	\$636.32 NONE	\$651.25 NONE
d. One child, no widow or widower-50% of average weekly wage of deceased-subject to the following: MAXIMUM MINIMUM	\$384.55 NONE	\$386.83 NONE	\$399.34 NONE	\$417.55 NONE	\$424.24 NONE	\$434.24 NONE
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	\$576.80 NONE	\$580.21 NONE	\$598.98 NONE	\$626.29 NONE	\$636.32 NONE	\$651.35 NONE
e. Dependent parents-25% of average weekly wage of deceased to each parent-subject to the following: MAXIMUM MINIMUM	\$576.80 NONE	\$580.21 NONE	\$598.98 NONE	\$626.29 NONE	\$636.72 NONE	\$651.35 NONE
f. Dependent brothers, sisters, grandparents and grandchildren-25% of average weekly wage of deceased to each dependent subject to the following: MAXIMUM MINIMUM	\$576.80 NONE	\$580.21 NONE	\$598.98 NONE	\$626.29 NONE	\$636.32 NONE	\$651.35 NONE

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)	\$75,541.95	\$75,988.88	\$78,446.51	\$82,022.93	\$83,336.22	\$83,336.22	\$85,306.64
TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT TOTAL KRS 342.730(1)(a) 66 2/3% of average weekly wage of employee-subject to the following: MAXIMUM MINIMUM	\$769.06 153.81	\$773.61 154.72	\$798.63 159.72	\$835.04 167.00	\$848.41 169.67	\$933.25 169.67	\$955.32 \$173.69
RETRAINING INCENTIVE BENEFITS KRS 342.732(1)(a) – 66 2/3% of average weekly wage of employee-subject to the following: MAXIMUM MINIMUM	\$576.80 NONE	\$580.21 NONE	\$598.98 NONE	\$626.29 NONE	\$636.32 NONE	\$636.32 NONE	\$651.35 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	\$576.80 NONE	\$580.21 NONE	\$598.98 NONE	\$626.29 NONE	\$636.32 NONE	\$699.94 NONE	\$716.49 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	\$769.06 NONE	\$773.61 NONE	\$798.63 NONE	\$835.04 NONE	\$848.41 NONE	\$933.25 NONE	\$955.32 NONE