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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: AMENDED WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFIT SCHEDULE- 2018

DATE: September 15, 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.

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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
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
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
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
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