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TO: Workers' Compensation Insurance Carriers and Self-Insurers
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FROM: 
Dwight T. Lovan, Commissioner
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SUBJECT: WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFIT SCHEDULE – 2015

The Education and Workforce Development Cabinet, Office of Employment and Training, has certified that the average weekly wage of Kentucky for the calendar year 2013 was \$773.61. 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 2013 over the year 2010 did amount to \$2.00 or more; therefore, the maximum weekly indemnity benefits for calendar year 2015 shall be \$773.61
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 \$154.72 for calendar year 2015.

A schedule of indemnity benefits is attached hereto.

Attachment



SCHEDULE OF WEEKLY WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS

TYPE OF DISABILITY SECTION OF STATUTE	FOR INJURIES OCCURRING					
	01-01-10 thru 12-31-10	01-01-11 thru 12-31-11	01-01-12 thru 12-31-12	01-01-13 thru 12-31-13	01-01-14 thru 12-31-14	01-01-15 thru 12-31-15
APPLICABLE AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE OF THE STATE	\$711.79 (2008)	\$721.97 (2009)	\$736.19 (2010)	\$752.69 (2011)	\$769.06 (2012)	\$773.61 (2013)

DEATH (KRS 342.750)

a. Widow or widower with no children-50% of average weekly wage of deceased-subject to the following:						
MAXIMUM	\$355.91	\$361.00	\$368.11	\$376.36	\$384.55	\$386.83
MINIMUM	142.36	144.40	147.24	150.54	153.81	154.72
b. Widow or widower with children living in the home-45% of average weekly wage of deceased, plus 15% for each child-subject to the following:						
MAXIMUM	\$533.84	\$541.47	\$552.13	\$564.52	\$576.80	\$580.21
MINIMUM	142.36	144.40	147.24	150.54	153.81	154.72
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	\$533.84	\$541.47	\$552.13	\$564.52	\$576.80	\$580.21
MINIMUM	142.36	144.40	147.24	150.54	153.81	154.72
d. One child, no widow or widower-50% of average weekly wage of deceased-subject to the following:						
MAXIMUM	\$355.91	\$361.00	\$368.11	\$376.36	\$384.55	\$386.83
MINIMUM	142.36	144.40	147.24	150.54	153.81	154.72
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	\$533.84	\$541.47	\$552.13	\$564.52	\$576.80	\$580.21
MINIMUM	142.36	144.40	147.24	150.54	153.81	154.72
e. Dependent parents-25% of average weekly wage of deceased to each parent-subject to the following:						
MAXIMUM	\$533.84	\$541.47	\$552.13	\$564.52	\$576.80	\$580.21
MINIMUM	142.36	144.40	147.24	150.54	153.81	154.72
f. Dependent brothers, sisters, grandparents and grandchildren-25% of average weekly wage of deceased to each dependent-subject to the following:						
MAXIMUM	\$533.84	\$541.47	\$552.13	\$564.52	\$576.80	\$580.21
MINIMUM	142.36	144.40	147.24	150.54	153.81	154.72

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

