

July 31, 2001

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

FROM: _____
Ched Jennings
Commissioner
Kentucky Department of Workers Claims

SUBJECT: **WORKERS COMPENSATION BENEFIT SCHEDULE – 2002**

The Cabinet for Workforce Development has certified that the average weekly wage of Kentucky, for the calendar year 2000 was \$550.66. 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 2000 over the year 1999 did amount to \$2.00 or more; therefore, the maximum weekly indemnity benefits for calendar year 2002 shall be \$550.66.
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 \$110.13 for calendar year 2002.

A schedule of indemnity benefits is attached hereto.

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SCHEDULE OF WEEKLY WORKERS COMPENSATION BENEFITS

TYPE OF DISABILITY SECTION OF STATUTE	FOR INJURIES OCCURRING					
	01-01-97 thru 12-31-97	01-01-98 thru 12-31-98	01-01-99 thru 12-31-99	01-01-00 thru 12-31-00	01-01-01 thru 12-31-01	01-01-02 thru 12-31-02
APPLICABLE AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE OF THE STATE	\$447.03 (1995)	\$465.36 (1996)	\$487.20 (1997)	\$509.03 (1998)	\$530.07 (1999)	\$550.66 (2000)

DEATH (KRS 342.750)

a. Widow or widower with no children-50% of average weekly wage of deceased-subject to the following:						
MAXIMUM	\$223.52	\$232.68	\$243.60	\$254.51	\$265.04	\$275.33
MINIMUM	89.41	93.07	97.44	101.81	106.01	110.13
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	335.27	349.02	365.40	381.77	397.55	413.00
MINIMUM	89.41	93.07	97.44	101.81	106.01	110.13
c. Widow or widower with children not living in the home—40% of average weekly wage of deceased, plus 15% for each child--subject to the following:						
MAXIMUM	335.27	349.02	365.40	381.77	397.55	413.00
MINIMUM	89.41	93.07	97.44	101.81	106.01	110.13
d. One child, no widow or widower-50% of average weekly wage of deceased--subject to the following:						
MAXIMUM	223.52	232.68	243.60	254.51	265.04	275.33
MINIMUM	89.41	93.07	97.44	101.81	106.01	110.13
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	335.27	349.02	365.40	381.77	397.55	413.00
MINIMUM	89.41	93.07	97.44	101.81	106.01	110.13

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e. Dependent parents- 25% of average weekly wage of deceased to each parent-- subject to the following:						
MAXIMUM	335.27	349.02	365.40	381.77	397.55	413.00
MINIMUM	89.41	93.07	97.44	101.81	106.01	110.13
f. Dependent brothers, sisters, grandparents and grandchildren- 25% of average weekly wage of deceased to each dependent-- subject to the following:						
MAXIMUM	335.27	349.02	365.40	381.77	397.55	413.00
MINIMUM	89.41	93.07	97.44	101.81	106.01	110.13

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

**LUMP SUM DEATH BENEFIT
INCREASE KRS 342.750(6)**

As amended effective July 14, 2000,
in addition to all other benefits payable
under this chapter, if death occurs
within four (4) years of the injury, as a
direct result of a work-related injury,
a lump sum payment is to be made to
the deceased's estate, subject to the
following:

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**TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT
TOTAL KRS 342.730(1)(a)**

66 2/3% of average weekly wage of
employee--subject to the following:

MAXIMUM	447.03	465.36	487.20	509.03	530.07	550.66
MINIMUM	89.41	93.07	97.44	101.81	106.01	110.13

RETRAINING INCENTIVE BENEFITS

KRS 342.732(1)(a) 66 2/3% of average
weekly wage of employee--subject to the
following:

MAXIMUM	335.27	349.02	365.40	381.77	397.55	413.00
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