

**Worker's Compensation
Insurance Letter**

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To: Insurance Carrier and Self Insured Employer Claims Handling Offices
From: Judy Norman-Nunnery, Division Administrator
Subject: Worker's Compensation Rate Changes

Purpose: Announce 2003 maximum rates.

Background: Wisconsin's maximum worker's compensation rate is \$669 per week for temporary total disability, permanent total disability and death benefits for injuries occurring on or after January 1, 2003 and before January 1, 2004. The new average weekly wage used to compute the maximum rate is \$1003.50.

Using this new wage raises the maximum death benefit for fatal injuries occurring on or after January 1, 2003 to \$200,700.

The maximum weekly indemnity rate for permanent partial disability will increase to \$222 for injuries occurring on or after January 1, 2003.

The weekly maximum benefit payable for supplemental benefits remains at \$202 for claims with dates of injury prior to January 1, 1978.

The maximum limit for 2003, for services provided to worker's compensation claimants by private vocational rehabilitation specialists has been increased by 1.5% to \$1211.

Action Requested: Please inform all claims handlers of this information and instruct them to use it for claims-handling purposes. Request reimbursement of supplemental benefit payments under s.102.44(1) Wis. Stats. on form WKC-140 for year 2002. You may copy the form from the reverse side of this letter.

Inquiries: A chart with more detailed benefit payment information for 2003 is available on our web site at: http://www.dwd.state.wi.us/wc/about_us/wkc-9572p.pdf.
If you have any questions, please contact us at (608) 266-1340.

Enclosures: WKC-140 on reverse side

References: Insurance Letter 435