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UPDATE: State's Average Weekly Wage and Maximum Benefit Amounts for Work-Related Injuries, Illnesses and Deaths

To: Workers' Compensation Insurance Carriers, Self-Insured Employers, Group Self-Insurance Associations, Third Party Administrators, Injured Workers, Attorneys, Other Interested Parties

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Title 85A sets the maximum compensation benefit rates based on a percentage of the state's average weekly wage reported to the Commission by the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission. Due to an INCREASE in the state's average weekly wage, the maximum compensation benefit rate for injury, illness or death has changed as follows:

- For temporary total disability, the <u>maximum</u> rate is \$596.03 per week for injuries and illnesses arising during the period beginning November 1, 2016 and ending October 31, 2017. 85A O.S. Supp. 2013, §45(A).
- For Permanent Total Disability (PTD) and Death, the <u>maximum</u> rate is \$851.47 per week for work-related injury, illness or death occurring during the period beginning November 1, 2016 and ending October 31, 2017. 85A O.S. Supp. 2013, §45(D) regarding PTD, and 85A O.S. Supp. 2013, §47 regarding death.
- For Permanent Partial Disability (PPD), the <u>maximum</u> compensation benefit rate remains unchanged at \$323 per week for work-related injury and illness occurring on or after February 1, 2014. See, 85A O.S. Supp. 2013, §45(C).

Look for revised benefit charts on the Commission's website https://ok.gov/wcc/Alerts/Benefit_Charts/index.html contact the Workers' Compensation Commission's Counselor/Ombudsman Program for more information at 855-291-3612 (in-state toll free) • 405-522-5308 (OKC) • counselors@owcc.state.ok.us (electronic mail).