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UPDATE: State's Average Weekly Wage and Maximum Benefit Amounts for Work-Related Injuries, Illnesses and Deaths for CY 2021

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 average weekly wage, the maximum compensation benefit rate for injury, illness or death will change as follows:

- For temporary total disability, the maximum rate is **\$923.53** per week for injuries and illnesses arising during the period beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021. *85A O.S. Supp. 2013, §45(A).*
- For Permanent Total Disability (PTD) and Death, the maximum rate is **\$923.53** per week for work-related injury, illness or death occurring during the period beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021. *85A O.S. Supp. 2013, §45(D) regarding PTD, and 85A O.S. Supp. 2013, §47 regarding death.*
- For Permanent Partial Disability (PPD), the maximum compensation benefit rate remains unchanged at **\$350** per week for work-related injuries and illnesses occurring on May 28, 2019 through June 30, 2021. **For injuries occurring on or after July 1, 2021, the weekly rate will increase to \$360 per week.** *See, 85A O.S. Supp. 2013, §45(C).*

Look for revised benefit charts on the Commission's website https://www.ok.gov/wcc/Legal/Benefit_Charts/index.html or 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@wcc.ok.gov (electronic mail).