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UPDATE: State's Average Weekly Wage and Maximum Benefit Amounts for Work-Related Injuries, Illnesses and Deaths for CY 2022

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 <u>INCREASE</u> 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 <u>maximum</u> rate is \$953.18 per week for injuries and illnesses arising during the period beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022. 85A O.S. § 45(A).
- For Permanent Total Disability (PTD) and Death, the <u>maximum</u> rate is \$953.18 per week for work-related injury, illness, or death occurring during the period beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022. 85A O.S. § 45(D) (PTD), and 85A O.S. § 47 (death benefits).
- For Permanent Partial Disability (PPD), the <u>maximum</u> 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 <u>increase</u> to \$360 per week. *See* 85A O.S. § 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.