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**CIRCULAR LETTER 3020—DECEMBER 28, 2007**

TO: Members of the Bureau

FROM: Donna Knepper

RE: 2008 Wisconsin Benefit Change

The estimated impact of the changes to the Wisconsin worker's compensation benefits results in an increase of approximately 0.1%. Since this is below the 2% threshold that requires Rating Committee review, no benefit rate change will be considered January 1, 2008. Please note that further adjustments to the overall benefit change may be necessary upon approval of the 2008 Agreed Bill. The impact of the benefit change will be incorporated into the October 1, 2008 annual rate revision.

The current Wisconsin Maximum Wage and Rate Chart is attached.

WORKER'S COMPENSATION -- MAXIMUM WAGE AND RATE CHART

EFFECTIVE DATE	01/01/2008	01/01/2007	4/01/2006	01/01/2006	01/01/2005	01/01/2004	01/01/2003	01/01/2002	01/01/2001
MAXIMUM WEEKLY WAGE FOR TEMPORARY, PERMANENT TOTAL & DEATH BENEFITS	\$1,207.50	\$1,165.50	\$1,116.00	\$1,014.00	\$1,066.50	\$1,030.50	\$1,003.50	\$970.50	\$873.00
WEEKLY RATE	\$805.00	\$777.00	\$744.00	\$676.00	\$711.00	\$687.00	\$669.00	\$647.00	\$582.00
DAILY RATE	\$134.17	\$129.50	\$124.00	\$112.67	\$118.50	\$114.50	\$111.50	\$107.83	\$97.00
MAXIMUM WAGE FOR PERMANENT PARTIAL ONLY	\$393.00	\$393.00	\$378.00	\$363.00	\$363.00	\$348.00	\$333.00	\$318.00	\$276.00
MONTHLY RATE	\$1,135.33	\$1,135.33	\$1,092.00	\$1,048.67	\$1,048.67	\$1,005.33	\$962.00	\$918.67	\$797.33
WEEKLY RATE	\$262.00	\$262.00	\$252.00	\$242.00	\$242.00	\$232.00	\$222.00	\$212.00	\$184.00
MAXIMUM ANNUAL WAGE (WEEKLY WAGE X 50)	\$60,375.00	\$58,275.00	\$55,800.00	\$50,700.00	\$53,325.00	\$51,525.00	\$50,175.00	\$48,525.00	\$43,650.00
MAXIMUM DEATH BENEFIT (ANNUAL WAGE X 4)	\$241,500.00	\$233,100.00	\$223,200.00	\$202,800.00	\$213,300.00	\$206,100.00	\$200,700.00	\$194,100.00	\$174,600.00
MAXIMUM PAYMENT TO SPOUSE									
MONTHLY RATE	\$3,488.33	\$3,367.00	\$3,224.00	\$2,929.33	\$3,081.00	\$2,977.00	\$2,899.00	\$2,803.67	\$2,522.00
WEEKLY RATE	\$805.00	\$777.00	\$744.00	\$676.00	\$711.00	\$687.00	\$669.00	\$647.00	\$582.00
MAXIMUM PAYMENT FROM CHILDREN'S FUND									
MONTHLY RATE	\$348.83	\$336.70	\$322.40	\$292.93	\$308.10	\$297.70	\$289.90	\$280.37	\$252.20
WEEKLY RATE	\$80.50	\$77.70	\$74.40	\$67.60	\$71.10	\$68.70	\$66.90	\$64.70	\$58.20
DEATH BENEFITS TO UNESTRANGED PARENTS	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00
MAXIMUM BURIAL EXPENSE	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
PAYMENT INTO STATE FUND s. 102.59	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
PAYMENT INTO STATE FUND	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
TOTAL DEPENDENCY-- s. 102.49									

**PAYMENT INTO STATE FUND NO DEPENDENCY--s. 102.49**

01/01/2008	\$48,300	per installment if max	1/1/2006	\$40,560	per installment if max
	\$47,000	if parents receive \$6,500		\$39,260	if parents receive \$6,500
01/01/2007	\$46,620	per installment if max	2005	\$42,660	per installment if max
	\$45,320	if parents receive \$6,500		\$41,360	if parents receive \$6,500
04/01/2006	\$44,640	per installment if max	2004	\$41,220	per installment if max
	\$43,340	if parents receive \$6,500		\$39,920	if parents receive \$6,500

Effective For Injuries On Or After April 1, 2006  
\$20,000 plus 100% of Death Benefit in 5 installments

Effective For Injuries On Or After March 30, 2004 & before April 1, 2006  
\$10,000 plus 100% of Death Benefit in 5 installments

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