



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Division of Industrial Accidents

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TO: ALL INSURANCE COMPANIES, ALL SELF-INSURERS, AND WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION AGENTS OF DEPARTMENTS OF THE COMMONWEALTH AND COUNTRIES, CITIES, TOWNS, AND DISTRICTS SUBJECT TO THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION LAW (GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 152, AS AMENDED)

RE: COMPENSATION RATE BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 1980.

Please be advised that the average weekly wage determined under subsection (a) of Section 29 of Chapter 151 and promulgated by the Director of Employment Security is \$245.48.

Therefore, for injuries occurring on or after October 1, 1980 the maximum weekly incapacity compensation is two-thirds of the employee's average weekly wage but not more than \$245.48.

Your attention is invited to the fact that if the employee's weekly incapacity compensation rate is \$150.00 or more, then dependency compensation is not due. If the employee's weekly incapacity compensation is less than \$150.00, then dependency compensation under section 35A is payable in the appropriate instances, but in no case shall the aggregate of the dependency compensation and the incapacity compensation exceed \$150.00 per week.

Very truly yours,

John J. Maloney
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Secretary

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