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AMENDMENT II TO CIRCULAR LETTER #310

TO: All Interested Persons

FROM: Angelo R. Buonopane, Commissioner 

RE: Amendment to COLA Table Issued w/ Circular Letter #310

DATE: March 3, 2003

Due to a calculation error in the COLA Table (Table I) on Circular Letter #310 issued in October 2002, the DIA is issuing an amended Table I. The corrected table is attached and should be used to calculate COLA payments from October 1, 2002 forward.

Please note, the error in calculation was for year 2001 only under the categories "Capped Change, Post 12/23/91" column (7) and "Section 34B Multiplier, Post 12/23/91" column (8). In each instance the multiplier was calculated to be 1.0280 which is equivalent to the Consumer Price Index Change in column (6). The numbers for both column (7) and column (8) should have been equal to the change in the State Average Weekly Wage listed in column (3) or 0.9906.



Calculation of COLA Multipliers and Reimbursement Factors

Table I

Year	Statewide Average Weekly Wage (SAWW)	Annual SAWW Change	Capped Change, Pre 12/24/91	Section 34B Multiplier Pre Reimbursement Factor Pre 10/2/85	Annual CPI Change	Capped Change, Post 12/23/91	Section 34B Multiplier, Post 12/23/91	Section 35F Capped Change	Section 35F Multiplier	Section 34B Reimbursement Factor Post 10/1/85
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)
1938	\$25.63	1.0338	1.0338	30.4741	-	-	-	-	-	-
1939	\$26.49	0.9970	0.9970	29.4848	-	-	-	-	-	-
1940	\$26.41	1.1356	1.1000	29.5741	-	-	-	-	-	-
1941	\$29.99	1.1834	1.1000	26.8858	-	-	-	-	-	-
1942	\$35.49	1.1074	1.1000	24.4414	-	-	-	-	-	-
1943	\$39.30	1.0422	1.0422	22.2195	-	-	-	-	-	-
1944	\$40.96	1.0249	1.0249	21.3190	-	-	-	-	-	-
1945	\$41.98	1.0543	1.0543	20.8010	-	-	-	-	-	-
1946	\$44.26	1.0888	1.0888	19.7294	-	-	-	-	-	-
1947	\$48.19	1.0770	1.0770	18.1205	-	-	-	-	-	-
1948	\$51.90	1.0150	1.0150	16.8251	-	-	-	-	-	-
1949	\$52.68	1.0581	1.0581	16.5760	-	-	-	-	-	-
1950	\$55.74	1.0797	1.0797	15.6660	-	-	-	-	-	-
1951	\$60.18	1.0419	1.0419	14.5102	-	-	-	-	-	-
1952	\$62.70	1.0470	1.0470	13.9270	-	-	-	-	-	-
1953	\$65.65	1.0296	1.0296	13.3012	-	-	-	-	-	-
1954	\$67.59	1.0468	1.0468	12.9194	-	-	-	-	-	-
1955	\$70.75	1.0540	1.0540	12.3424	-	-	-	-	-	-
1956	\$74.57	1.0426	1.0426	11.7101	-	-	-	-	-	-
1957	\$77.75	1.0368	1.0368	11.2312	-	-	-	-	-	-
1958	\$80.61	1.0515	1.0515	10.8327	-	-	-	-	-	-
1959	\$84.76	1.0316	1.0316	10.3023	-	-	-	-	-	-
1960	\$87.44	1.0327	1.0327	9.9866	-	-	-	-	-	-
1961	\$90.30	1.0384	1.0384	9.6703	-	-	-	-	-	-
1962	\$93.77	1.0309	1.0309	9.3124	-	-	-	-	-	-
1963	\$96.67	1.0484	1.0484	9.0331	-	-	-	-	-	-
1964	\$101.35	1.0339	1.0339	8.6159	-	-	-	-	-	-
1965	\$104.79	1.0448	1.0448	8.3331	-	-	-	-	-	-
1966	\$109.48	1.0435	1.0435	7.9761	-	-	-	-	-	-
1967	\$114.24	1.0599	1.0599	7.6438	-	-	-	-	-	-
1968	\$121.08	1.0772	1.0772	7.2120	-	-	-	-	-	-
1969	\$130.43	1.0045	1.0045	6.6950	-	-	-	-	-	-
1970	\$131.02	1.0638	1.0638	6.6648	-	-	-	-	-	-
1971	\$139.38	1.0736	1.0736	6.2651	-	-	-	-	-	-
1972	\$149.64	1.0396	1.0396	5.8355	-	-	-	-	-	-
1973	\$155.57	1.0529	1.0529	5.6131	-	-	-	-	-	-
1974	\$163.80	1.0670	1.0670	5.3310	-	-	-	-	-	-
1975	\$174.78	1.0691	1.0691	4.9961	-	-	-	-	-	-
1976	\$186.85	1.0667	1.0667	4.6734	-	-	-	-	-	-
1977	\$199.31	1.0605	1.0605	4.3812	-	-	-	-	-	-
1978	\$211.37	1.0754	1.0754	4.1313	-	-	-	-	-	-
1979	\$227.31	1.0799	1.0799	3.8416	-	-	-	-	-	-
1980	\$245.48	1.0998	1.0998	3.5572	-	-	-	-	-	-
1981	\$269.93	1.1034	1.1000	3.2350	-	-	-	-	-	-
1982	\$297.85	1.0753	1.0753	2.9409	-	-	-	-	-	-
1983	\$320.29	1.0648	1.0648	2.7349	-	-	-	-	-	-
1984	\$341.06	1.0570	1.0570	2.5683	-	-	-	-	-	-
1985	\$360.50	1.0640	1.0640	2.4298	-	-	-	1.0500	2.0346	0.3952
1986	\$383.57	1.0715	1.0715	2.2837	-	-	-	1.0500	1.9377	0.3459
1987	\$411.00	1.0808	1.0808	2.1313	-	-	-	1.0500	1.8455	0.2858
1988	\$444.20	1.0681	1.0681	1.9720	-	-	-	1.0500	1.7576	0.2144
1989	\$474.47	1.0339	1.0339	1.8462	-	-	-	1.0339	1.6739	0.1723
1990	\$490.57	1.0509	1.0509	1.7856	-	-	-	1.0500	1.6190	0.1666
1991	\$515.52	1.0539	1.0539	1.6992	1.0370	1.0370	1.2735	1.0500	1.5419	0.1573
1992	\$543.30	1.0417	1.0417	-	1.0240	1.0240	1.2281	1.0417	-	-
1993	\$565.94	1.0348	1.0348	-	1.0280	1.0280	1.1993	1.0348	-	-
1994	\$585.66	1.0314	1.0314	-	1.0240	1.0240	1.1867	1.0314	-	-
1995	\$604.03	1.0447	1.0447	-	1.0270	1.0270	1.1393	1.0447	-	-
1996	\$631.03	1.0547	1.0547	-	1.0230	1.0230	1.1094	1.0500	-	-
1997	\$665.55	1.0516	1.0516	-	1.0160	1.0160	1.0844	1.0500	-	-
1998	\$699.91	1.0711	1.0711	-	1.0210	1.0210	1.0673	1.0500	-	-
1999	\$749.69	1.1083	1.1000	-	1.0206	1.0206	1.0454	1.0500	-	-
2000	\$830.89	1.0723	1.0723	-	1.0340	1.0340	1.0243	1.0500	-	-
2001	\$890.94	0.9906	0.9906	-	1.0280	0.9906	0.9906	0.9906	-	-
2002	\$882.57	1.0000	1.0000	-	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	-	-

Notes:

- (2) Provided by the Massachusetts Division of Employment and Training.
- (3) (2) Year X / (2) Year(X-1).
- (4) (3), subject to a maximum of 10%.

- (5) Cumulative product of (4)
- (6) Provided by Bureau of Labor Statistics.
- (7) Minimum of (4) and (6).
- (8) Cumulative product of (7).

- (9) (3) subject to a maximum of 5%.
- (10) Cumulative product of (9)
- (11) (5) - (10)