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AMENDMENT TO CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 342

TO: All Interested Persons

FROM: Department of Industrial Accidents

RE: Correction to COLA Calculation Table I

DATE: December 17, 2012

Please be advised that there was an error in the calculation of the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) values represented in columns 5, 8, 10 and 11 on Table I (COLA adjustments) released on November 6, 2012. The Department of Industrial Accidents (DIA) engaged a third party actuarial firm to recalculate the values of said Table. That third party actuary has completed its recalculation and provided the DIA with the attached corrected Table I, which we are re-issuing as of this date. This Table is effective retroactive to October 1, 2012. Please refer to the attached amended Table I for use in COLA adjustments.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Table I Recalculated - 12-17-2012

Year	Statewide Average Weekly Wage (SAWW)	Annual SAWW Change	Capped Change, Pre 12/24/91	Section 34B Multiplier Pre 12/24/91 Reimbursement Factor Pre 10/2/86	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 10/1/86
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)
1938	\$25.63	1.0336	1.0336	40.5044	-	-	-	-	-	-
1939	\$26.49	0.9970	0.9970	39.1895	-	-	-	-	-	-
1940	\$26.41	1.1356	1.1000	39.3082	-	-	-	-	-	-
1941	\$29.99	1.1834	1.1000	35.7347	-	-	-	-	-	-
1942	\$35.49	1.1074	1.1000	32.4861	-	-	-	-	-	-
1943	\$39.30	1.0422	1.0422	29.5328	-	-	-	-	-	-
1944	\$40.96	1.0249	1.0249	28.3359	-	-	-	-	-	-
1945	\$41.98	1.0543	1.0543	27.6474	-	-	-	-	-	-
1946	\$44.26	1.0888	1.0888	26.2232	-	-	-	-	-	-
1947	\$48.19	1.0770	1.0770	24.0847	-	-	-	-	-	-
1948	\$51.90	1.0150	1.0150	22.3630	-	-	-	-	-	-
1949	\$52.68	1.0581	1.0581	22.0319	-	-	-	-	-	-
1950	\$55.74	1.0797	1.0797	20.8224	-	-	-	-	-	-
1951	\$60.18	1.0419	1.0419	19.2861	-	-	-	-	-	-
1952	\$62.70	1.0470	1.0470	18.5110	-	-	-	-	-	-
1953	\$65.65	1.0296	1.0296	17.6792	-	-	-	-	-	-
1954	\$67.59	1.0468	1.0468	17.1718	-	-	-	-	-	-
1955	\$70.75	1.0540	1.0540	16.4048	-	-	-	-	-	-
1956	\$74.57	1.0426	1.0426	15.5644	-	-	-	-	-	-
1957	\$77.75	1.0368	1.0368	14.9278	-	-	-	-	-	-
1958	\$80.61	1.0515	1.0515	14.3982	-	-	-	-	-	-
1959	\$84.76	1.0316	1.0316	13.6932	-	-	-	-	-	-
1960	\$87.44	1.0327	1.0327	13.2736	-	-	-	-	-	-
1961	\$90.30	1.0384	1.0384	12.8532	-	-	-	-	-	-
1962	\$93.77	1.0309	1.0309	12.3775	-	-	-	-	-	-
1963	\$96.67	1.0484	1.0484	12.0062	-	-	-	-	-	-
1964	\$101.35	1.0339	1.0339	11.4518	-	-	-	-	-	-
1965	\$104.79	1.0448	1.0448	11.0759	-	-	-	-	-	-
1966	\$109.48	1.0435	1.0435	10.6014	-	-	-	-	-	-
1967	\$114.24	1.0599	1.0599	10.1597	-	-	-	-	-	-
1968	\$121.08	1.0772	1.0772	9.5857	-	-	-	-	-	-
1969	\$130.43	1.0045	1.0045	8.8986	-	-	-	-	-	-
1970	\$131.02	1.0638	1.0638	8.8585	-	-	-	-	-	-
1971	\$139.38	1.0736	1.0736	8.3272	-	-	-	-	-	-
1972	\$149.64	1.0396	1.0396	7.7562	-	-	-	-	-	-
1973	\$155.57	1.0529	1.0529	7.4606	-	-	-	-	-	-
1974	\$163.80	1.0670	1.0670	7.0857	-	-	-	-	-	-
1975	\$174.78	1.0691	1.0691	6.6406	-	-	-	-	-	-
1976	\$186.85	1.0667	1.0667	6.2116	-	-	-	-	-	-
1977	\$199.31	1.0605	1.0605	5.8233	-	-	-	-	-	-
1978	\$211.37	1.0754	1.0754	5.4910	-	-	-	-	-	-
1979	\$227.31	1.0799	1.0799	5.1060	-	-	-	-	-	-
1980	\$245.48	1.0996	1.0996	4.7280	-	-	-	-	-	-
1981	\$269.93	1.1034	1.1000	4.2998	-	-	-	-	-	-
1982	\$297.85	1.0753	1.0753	3.9089	-	-	-	-	-	-
1983	\$320.29	1.0648	1.0648	3.6350	-	-	-	-	-	-
1984	\$341.06	1.0570	1.0570	3.4137	-	-	-	-	-	-
1985	\$360.50	1.0640	1.0640	3.2296	-	-	-	1.0500	2.7043	0.5253
1986	\$383.57	1.0715	1.0715	3.0353	-	-	-	1.0500	2.5755	0.4598
1987	\$411.00	1.0808	1.0808	2.8328	-	-	-	1.0500	2.4529	0.3799
1988	\$444.20	1.0681	1.0681	2.6210	-	-	-	1.0500	2.3361	0.2849
1989	\$474.47	1.0339	1.0339	2.4538	-	-	-	1.0339	2.2248	0.2290
1990	\$490.57	1.0509	1.0509	2.3733	-	-	-	1.0500	2.1518	0.2215
1991	\$515.52	1.0539	1.0539	2.2584	1.0370	1.0370	1.5639	1.0500	2.0494	0.2091
1992	\$543.30	1.0417	1.0417		1.0240	1.0240	1.5081	1.0417	-	-
1993	\$565.94	1.0348	1.0348		1.0280	1.0280	1.4727	1.0348	-	-
1994	\$585.66	1.0314	1.0314		1.0240	1.0240	1.4326	1.0314	-	-
1995	\$604.03	1.0447	1.0447		1.0270	1.0270	1.3990	1.0447	-	-
1996	\$631.03	1.0547	1.0547		1.0230	1.0230	1.3623	1.0500	-	-
1997	\$665.55	1.0516	1.0516		1.0160	1.0160	1.3316	1.0500	-	-
1998	\$699.91	1.0711	1.0711		1.0210	1.0210	1.3107	1.0500	-	-
1999	\$749.69	1.1083	1.1000		1.0206	1.0206	1.2837	1.0500	-	-
2000	\$830.89	1.0723	1.0723		1.0340	1.0340	1.2578	1.0500	-	-
2001	\$890.94	0.9906	0.9906		1.0280	0.9906	1.2164	0.9906	-	-
2002	\$882.57	1.0021	1.0021		1.0210	1.0021	1.2280	1.0021	-	-
2003	\$884.46	1.0388	1.0388		1.0282	1.0282	1.2253	1.0388	-	-
2004	\$918.78	1.0433	1.0433		1.0346	1.0346	1.1918	1.0433	-	-
2005	\$958.58	1.0437	1.0437		1.0365	1.0365	1.1519	1.0437	-	-
2006	\$1,000.43	1.0431	1.0431		1.0361	1.0361	1.1114	1.0431	-	-
2007	\$1,043.54	1.0477	1.0477		1.0256	1.0256	1.0726	1.0477	-	-
2008	\$1,093.27	1.0013	1.0013		1.0399	1.0013	1.0458	1.0013	-	-
2009	\$1,094.70	0.9939	0.9939		1.0002	0.9939	1.0444	0.9939	-	-
2010	\$1,088.06	1.0439	1.0439		1.0197	1.0197	1.0508	1.0439		
2011	\$1,135.82	1.0328	1.0328		1.0305	1.0305	1.0305	1.0328		
2012	\$1,173.06	1.0000	1.0000		1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000		

Use Northeast Region CPI

Use % diff between current and prev yr SAWW

Use % diff between current CPI and prev CPI

Notes:

(2) Provided by the Massachusetts Division of Unemployment Assistance.

(3) (2) Year(X+1) / (2) Year(X).

(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)