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AWCC ADVISORY 2000-1 Update

Weekly Workers' Compensation Rates for 2018 in Arkansas

For accidents covered by Arkansas workers' compensation laws, the maximums in 2018 will be \$673.00 for Total Disability (**TD**) and \$505.00 for Permanent Partial Disability (**PPD**).

For injury or death on and after January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2018 the maximum for workers' compensation weekly indemnity benefits is based on 85% of the state Average Weekly Wage (AWW) of \$791.34 **Ark. Code Ann. §11-9-501 (b)(4)**.

The AWW is determined by the Department of Workforce Services. That sum is used by the Arkansas Workers' Compensation Commission to calculate compensation rates for injured workers. **Ark. Code Ann §§ 11-10-502(e), 11-9-102(17)(A)**.

TD: Workers in 2018 get 66 2/3% of their individual AWW, rounded to the nearest whole dollar, up to a maximum of \$673.00 (85% of \$791.34 = \$672.64, which rounds to \$673.00). **Ark. Code Ann. § 11-9-501(b)**.

PPD: If TD is \$205.35 or greater, the PPD maximum is 75% of TD, rounded to the nearest whole dollar, up to \$505.00 (75% x \$673.00 = \$504.75, which rounds to \$505.00). If TD is less than \$205.35, PPD is 66 2/3% of the worker's AWW, up to a \$154.00 maximum. **Ark. Code Ann. § 11-9-501(d)(1)**.

The minimum weekly PPD and TD rate is \$20.00. **Ark. Code Ann. §§ 11-9-501(b) and (d)**.

The PPD rate for amputation or permanent total loss of use of a member is the same as the employee's TD rate. **Ark. Code Ann. § 11-9-501(d)(2)(B)**.

This notice updates Advisory 2000-1, first issued August 16, 2000, and reissued annually.

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History of Workers' Compensation: Maximums, Minimums, and D&PTD Thresholds

BEGINNING WITH	BASED ON STATEWIDE AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE* OF	MAXIMUM PPD RATE IS	MAXIMUM TOTAL DISABILITY RATE IS	MINIMUM RATE IS	D&PTD Threshold (see Advisory 2007-1)
01-01-2018	\$791.34	\$505.00	\$673.00	\$20.00	\$218,725
01-01-2017	\$777.84	\$496.00	\$661.00	\$20.00	\$214,825
01-01-2016	\$760.48	\$485.00	\$646.00	\$20.00	\$209,950
01-01-2015	\$740.53	\$472.00	\$629.00	\$20.00	\$204,425
01-01-2014	\$725.53	\$463.00	\$617.00	\$20.00	\$200,525
01-01-2013	\$707.91	\$452.00	\$602.00	\$20.00	\$195,650
01-01-2012	\$686.71	\$438.00	\$584.00	\$20.00	\$189,800
01-01-2011	\$676.49	\$431.00	\$575.00	\$20.00	\$186,875
01-01-2010	\$661.66	\$422.00	\$562.00	\$20.00	\$182,650
01-01-2009	\$647.40	\$413.00	\$550.00	\$20.00	\$178,750
01-01-2008	\$614.25	\$392.00	\$522.00	\$20.00	\$169,650
01-01-2007	\$593.01	\$378.00	\$504.00	\$20.00	\$ 75,000
01-01-2006	\$573.65	\$366.00	\$488.00	\$20.00	\$ 75,000
01-01-2005	\$548.38	\$350.00	\$466.00	\$20.00	\$ 75,000
01-01-2004	\$533.28	\$340.00	\$453.00	\$20.00	\$ 75,000
01-01-2003	\$518.22	\$330.00	\$440.00	\$20.00	\$ 75,000
01-01-2002	\$500.38	\$319.00	\$425.00	\$20.00	\$ 75,000
01-01-2001	\$482.50	\$308.00	\$410.00	\$20.00	\$ 75,000
01-01-2000	\$464.07	\$296.00	\$394.00	\$20.00	\$ 75,000
01-01-1999	\$441.73	\$281.00	\$375.00	\$20.00	\$ 75,000
01-01-1998	\$422.93	\$269.00	\$359.00	\$20.00	\$ 75,000
01-01-1997	\$409.58	\$261.00	\$348.00	\$20.00	\$ 75,000
01-01-1996	\$396.04	\$253.00	\$337.00	\$20.00	\$ 75,000
01-01-1995	\$385.12	\$203.00	\$270.00	\$20.00	\$ 75,000
01-01-1994	\$381.14	\$200.00**	\$267.00**	\$20.00	\$ 75,000
01-01-1993	\$360.43	\$189.23	\$252.30	\$20.00	\$ 75,000
01-01-1992	\$345.62	\$181.45	\$241.93	\$20.00	\$ 75,000
01-01-1991	\$330.53	\$173.53	\$231.37	\$20.00	\$ 75,000
01-01-1990	\$323.02	\$169.59	\$226.11	\$20.00	\$ 75,000
01-01-1989	\$313.62	\$156.81	\$209.08	\$20.00	\$ 75,000
07-01-1987	N.A.	\$154.00	\$189.00	\$20.00	\$ 75,000
07-01-1986	N.A.	\$154.00	\$175.00	\$20.00	\$ 75,000
03-01-1982	N.A.	\$154.00	\$154.00	\$15.00	\$ 75,000
03-01-1981	N.A.	\$140.00	\$140.00	\$15.00	\$ 75,000
03-01-1980	N.A.	\$126.00	\$126.00	\$15.00	\$ 50,000
03-01-1979	N.A.	\$112.00	\$112.00	\$15.00	\$ 50,000
03-01-1978	N.A.	\$ 87.50	\$ 87.50	\$15.00	\$ 50,000
03-01-1977	N.A.	\$ 84.00	\$ 84.00	\$15.00	\$ 50,000
03-01-1976	N.A.	\$ 77.00	\$ 77.00	\$15.00	\$ 50,000
07-01-1974	N.A.	\$ 66.50	\$ 66.50	\$15.00	\$ 50,000
04-01-1973	N.A.	\$ 63.00	\$63.00	\$15.00	\$ 50,000***
12-05-1968	N.A.	\$ 49.00	\$ 49.00	\$10.00	N.A.
1956	N.A.	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 7.00	N.A.
1949	N.A.	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 7.00	N.A.

*The AWW is determined June 1 each year by the Department of Workforce Services [Ark. Code Ann. § 11-10-502(e)].

**Beginning in 1994, weekly compensation rates were rounded to the nearest whole dollar [Ark. Code Ann. § 11-9-501(b)(5)].

***D&PTD Threshold became effective 3-2-1973.