

## BULLETIN

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### To the Members of the Board

Re: **New York Workers Compensation  
Maximum Weekly Benefit  
Effective July 1, 2010**

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Pursuant to Section 2(16) of the Workers' Compensation Law, the maximum weekly benefit that may be paid on or after July 1, 2010, and each July 1<sup>st</sup> thereafter, is two-thirds of the New York State Average Weekly Wage (NYSAWW). The NYSAWW is the average weekly wage paid in New York State during the previous calendar year as reported by the Commissioner of Labor to the Superintendent of Insurance on March 31 of each year.

The New York State Department of Labor's Research and Statistics Division has computed the New York State Average Weekly Wage (NYSAWW) for calendar year 2009 to be \$1,109.75.

Consequently, the maximum weekly benefit, as of July 1, 2010, will be \$739.83. The New York State Workers' Compensation Board announcement of this new benefit (Subject No. 046-416) is attached for your reference.

Very truly yours,

Monte Almer

President

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Encl.



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## **Workers' Compensation Board**

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### **Subject No. 046-416**

## **New Maximum Weekly Benefit Rate Effective July 1, 2010**

Date: April 22, 2010

Beginning July 1, 2010, the maximum weekly benefit rate for workers' compensation is 2/3 of the New York State average weekly wage for the previous calendar year, as determined by the New York State Department of Labor. Workers' Compensation Law §§ 2(16); 15(6). On March 31, 2010, the Department of Labor to the Superintendent of Insurance that the New York State average weekly wage for 2009 was \$1,109.75. Accordingly, for workers' compensation claims with dates of accident or dates of disablement during the period from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011, the maximum weekly benefit rate will be \$739.83.

Robert E. Beloten  
Chair