

BULLETIN

May 4, 2011

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To the Members of the Board

**Re: New York Workers Compensation
Maximum Weekly Benefit
Effective July 1, 2011**

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 1st 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 2010 to be \$1,159.44.

Consequently, the maximum weekly benefit, as of July 1, 2011, will be \$772.96. The New York State Workers' Compensation Board announcement of this new benefit (Subject No. 046-465) is attached for your reference.

Very truly yours,

Monte Almer

President

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Encl.

New York State

Workers' Compensation Board

OFFICE OF THE CHAIR

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Governor Andrew M. Cuomo

Subject No. 046-465

New Maximum Weekly Benefit Rate Effective July 1, 2011

Date: May 4, 2011

Beginning July 1, 2010, the maximum weekly benefit rate for workers' compensation is two-thirds 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, 2011, the **Department of Labor** reported to the Superintendent of Insurance that the New York State average weekly wage for 2010 was \$1,159.44. Accordingly, for workers' compensation claims with dates of accident or dates of disablement during the period from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012, the maximum weekly benefit rate will be \$772.96.

Robert E. Beloten
Chair