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BULLETIN

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TO: All Carriers and Self-Insurers
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SUBJECT: Wage Loss Discount Factor Tables

Pursuant to section 440.15(3)(b)8, Florida Statutes 1993, the wage loss discount factor shall be 3% for injuries from July 1, 1979 through July 1, 1980 and 5% for those injuries occurring after July 1, 1980 unless the annual rate of inflation, calculated by the national consumer price index published by the U.S. Department of Labor is less than the applicable discount factor. When the rate of inflation is less than the applicable discount factor, such rate shall be substituted. The attached wage loss discount tables are provided by the Division of Workers' Compensation as a courtesy to carriers for their use in determining the discount rates. These tables are provided for informational purposes only and the Division assumes no responsibility for the accuracy of correctness of the information contained in them. Each carrier is responsible for determining the correct discount rate to be applied to any given case.

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COMPUTATION OF WAGE LOSS DISCOUNT FACTOR

The C.P.I. for the previous year shall be used to determine the discount fact for use in the current payment year when the C.P.I. is less than the 5 percent factor established July, 1980 pursuant to Section 440.15 (3) (b), F.S. (1993). The current discount factor is established by dividing the previous years' discount factor by the previous years' C.P.I. factor.

The discount factors so established shall be multiplied by the weekly earnings reported by the claimant to produce the discounted gross earnings amount to be the Wage Loss payment calculations.

U.S. Dept. of Labor Consumer Price Index Inflation factor:

CALENDAR PAYMENT YEAR	DISCOUNT FACTOR
1982	1.0398
1983	1.0373
1984	1.0110
1985	1.0438
1986	1.0390
1987	1.0442
1988	1.0465
1989	1.0611
1990	1.0379
1991	1.0306
1992	1.0290
1993	1.0270
1994	1.0270
1995	1.0250
1996	1.0330
1997	1.0170
1998	1.0160
1999	1.0270
2000	1.0340
2001	1.0160

- I. When the 25th month following MMI occurs in 1983, the following discount Factors will be used for each Wage Loss payment made for the 25th month and subsequent month during the calendar year indicated. The same discount factor will be used for all payments made to the same claimant during the same calendar year.

CALENDAR PAYMENT YEAR	DISCOUNT FACTOR
2001	0.5459
2002	0.5373

- II. When the 25th month following MMI occurs in 1984, the following discount Factors will be used for each Wage Loss payment made for the 25th month and subsequent month during the calendar year indicated. The same discount factor will be used for all payments made to the same claimant during the same calendar year.

CALENDAR PAYMENT YEAR	DISCOUNT FACTOR
2001	0.5673
2002	0.5584

- III. When the 25th month following MMI occurs in 1985, the following discount Factors will be used for each Wage Loss payment made for the 25th month and subsequent month during the calendar year indicated. The same discount factor will be used for all payments made to the same claimant during the same calendar year.

CALENDAR PAYMENT YEAR	DISCOUNT FACTOR
2001	0.5887
2002	0.5795

- IV. When the 25th month following MMI occurs in 1986, the following discount Factors will be used for each Wage Loss payment made for the 25th month and subsequent month during the calendar year indicated. The same discount factor will be used for all payments made to the same claimant during the same calendar year.

CALENDAR PAYMENT YEAR	DISCOUNT FACTOR
2001	0.6121
2002	0.6025

- V. When the 25th month following MMI occurs in 1987, the following discount Factors will be used for each Wage Loss payment made for the 25th month and subsequent month during the calendar year indicated. The same discount factor will be used for all payments made to the same claimant during the same calendar year.

CALENDAR PAYMENT YEAR	DISCOUNT FACTOR
2001	0.6418
2002	0.6317

- VI. When the 25th month following MMI occurs in 1988, the following discount Factors will be used for each Wage Loss payment made for the 25th month and subsequent month during the calendar year indicated. The same discount factor will be used for all payments made to the same claimant during the same calendar year.

CALENDAR PAYMENT YEAR	DISCOUNT FACTOR
2001	0.6418
2002	0.6317

- VII. When the 25th month following MMI occurs in 1989, the following discount Factors will be used for each Wage Loss payment made for the 25th month and subsequent month during the calendar year indicated. The same discount factor will be used for all payments made to the same claimant during the same calendar year.

CALENDAR PAYMENT YEAR	DISCOUNT FACTOR
2001	0.6701
2002	0.6596

- VIII. When the 25th month following MMI occurs in 1990, the following discount Factors will be used for each Wage Loss payment made for the 25th month and subsequent month during the calendar year indicated. The same discount factor will be used for all payments made to the same claimant during the same calendar year.

CALENDAR PAYMENT YEAR	DISCOUNT FACTOR
2001	0.6997
2002	0.6887

- IX. When the 25th month following MMI occurs in 1991, the following discount Factors will be used for each Wage Loss payment made for the 25th month and subsequent month during the calendar year indicated. The same discount factor will be used for all payments made to the same claimant during the same calendar year.

CALENDAR PAYMENT YEAR	DISCOUNT FACTOR
2001	0.7322
2002	0.7207

- X. When the 25th month following MMI occurs in 1992, the following discount Factors will be used for each Wage Loss payment made for the 25th month and subsequent month during the calendar year indicated. The same discount factor will be used for all payments made to the same claimant during the same calendar year.

CALENDAR PAYMENT YEAR	DISCOUNT FACTOR
2001	0.7688
2002	0.7800

- XI. When the 25th month following MMI occurs in 1993, the following discount Factors will be used for each Wage Loss payment made for the 25th month and subsequent month during the calendar year indicated. The same discount factor will be used for all payments made to the same claimant during the same calendar year.

CALENDAR PAYMENT YEAR	DISCOUNT FACTOR
2001	0.9724
2002	0.7800

- XII. When the 25th month following MMI occurs in 1994, the following discount Factors will be used for each Wage Loss payment made for the 25th month and subsequent month during the calendar year indicated. The same discount factor will be used for all payments made to the same claimant during the same calendar year.

CALENDAR PAYMENT YEAR	DISCOUNT FACTOR
2001	0.8152
2002	0.8024

- XIII. When the 25th month following MMI occurs in 1995, the following discount Factors will be used for each Wage Loss payment made for the 25th month and subsequent month during the calendar year indicated. The same discount factor will be used for all payments made to the same claimant during the same calendar year.

CALENDAR PAYMENT YEAR	DISCOUNT FACTOR
2001	0.8375
2002	0.8244

- XIV. When the 25th month following MMI occurs in 1996, the following discount Factors will be used for each Wage Loss payment made for the 25th month and subsequent month during the calendar year indicated. The same discount factor will be used for all payments made to the same claimant during the same calendar year.

CALENDAR PAYMENT YEAR	DISCOUNT FACTOR
2001	0.8599
2002	0.8464

- XV. When the 25th month following MMI occurs in 1997, the following discount Factors will be used for each Wage Loss payment made for the 25th month and subsequent month during the calendar year indicated. The same discount factor will be used for all payments made to the same claimant during the same calendar year.

CALENDAR PAYMENT YEAR	DISCOUNT FACTOR
2001	0.8815
2002	0.8677

- XVI. When the 25th month following MMI occurs in 1998, the following discount Factors will be used for each Wage Loss payment made for the 25th month and subsequent month during the calendar year indicated. The same discount factor will be used for all payments made to the same claimant during the same calendar year.

CALENDAR PAYMENT YEAR	DISCOUNT FACTOR
2001	0.9105
2002	0.8962