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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 |