Maximum Rate of Benefits for Calendar Year 2000
Beginning January 1, 2000

Section 9-603 of the Labor and Employment Article states that the maximum compensation paid shall be determined as of January 1st of each calendar year. The Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation of the State of Maryland has advised this Commission that the average weekly wage of workers covered by Maryland Unemployment for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999 is $631.00.

In accordance with Section 9-604 of the Labor and Employment Article, which authorizes the computation of Awards to the next highest dollar when the standard computation results in an uneven amount, the following maximum benefits for death and disability for injuries occurring on and after January 1, 2000:

1. <u>TEMPORARY TOTAL DISABILITY</u>:

Two thirds of the employee's average weekly wage not to exceed 100% of the State Average Weekly Wage or $631.00.

2. <u>PERMANENT TOTAL DISABILITY:</u>

Two-thirds of the employee's average weekly wage not to exceed 100% of the State Average Weekly Wage or $631.00.

3. <u>DEATH BENEFITS:</u>

Two-thirds of the employee's average weekly wage not to exceed 100% of the State Average Weekly Wage or $631.00.

4. <u>PERMANENT PARTIAL DISABILITY:</u>

For awards for a period less than 75 weeks from events occurring on or after January 1, 2000, compensation to be paid at the rate of thirty-three and one-third (33 1/3)per centum of the claimant's average weekly wage, not to exceed $114.00 per week. (The minor disability category does not apply to safety employees.)

For awards for a period greater than or equal to 75 weeks, but less than 250 weeks, the compensation to be paid at two-thirds of the employee's average weekly wage not to exceed one-third of the State Average Weekly Wage or $211.00*.

5. <u>TEMPORARY PARTIAL DISABILITY:</u>

Fifty percent (50%) of the difference between the employee's average weekly wage and their wage earning capacity thereafter, but not to exceed 50% of the State Average Weekly Wage or $316.00**.

6. <u>SERIOUS DISABILITY BENEFITS:</u>

Two-thirds of the employee's average weekly wage not to exceed seventy-five (75%) of the State Average Weekly Wage or $474.00***.

* This figure is not two-thirds of the State Average Weekly Wage. Refer to Page 1, Paragraph 2, where is states that the rate of computation shall be computed to the next highest dollar.

** This figure is not 50% of the State Average Weekly Wage. Refer to Page 1, Paragraph 2, where is states that the rate of computation shall be computed to the next highest dollar.

*** This figure is not 75% of the State Average Weekly Wage. Refer to Page 1, Paragraph 2, where is states that the rate of computation shall be computed to the next highest dollar.