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Quick Reference Guide ^{WISCONSIN} A Rated State

- Wage Calculation – Average Weekly Wage (AWW) is computed at 66.67%, based on 52 weeks immediately preceding the injury.
- Waiting Period – 1st payment is due 14 days after the disability begins. There is a 3-day waiting period unless more than 7 days.
- Statute of Limitations – 2 years to report after knowledge of injury. A claim may be reopened at any time within 12 years from the date compensation was last paid.
- Maximum Weekly Wage – is based on state average weekly wage with a maximum rate.

<u>Date of Injury</u>	<u>Maximum AWW</u>	<u>Maximum Temporary Total Disability (TTD)</u>
1/1/10	\$1,222.50	\$815.00

- Permanent Impairment Benefits – rating is assigned by the state based on body part, scheduled injury. e.g. a thumb is 50 weeks.
- Nonscheduled Injuries are paid as a percentage of 1,000 weeks – for permanent injuries not listed on the schedule of injuries, a percentage of 1,000 weeks is used to determine entitlement.
- Maximum Death Benefit - \$244,500 (disbursed in weekly payments).
- Maximum Burial Expense - \$6,000.
- Medical Treatment – the injured worker directs medical treatment.
- Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) - HFN, Inc.

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- Independent Medical Examination (IME) – possible every 6 months or with medical changes.
- Medical Bill Payment – is based on reasonable and necessary or according to PPO contract.
- Vocational Rehabilitation – employee must apply to the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR). If the DVR has funds available they will pay for the program. If there are no funds available the employee has the right to seek a private specialist at our cost.
- Subrogation – the injured employee will receive at least one-third of the net amount recovered from the third party, the employer is then repaid any balance remaining.
- Settlements – normally do not occur due to the Permanent Partial Impairment (PPI) and Permanent Partial Disability (PPD) rating, you must have a legally sufficient basis for doing so.
- Labor and Industry Review Commission (LIRC) – is composed of three members who are appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate, and who serve staggered 6-year terms.
- The Uninsured Employers Fund (UEF) – funded through penalties assessed against employers without workers' compensation coverage. Benefits are paid on valid claims for injuries sustained while working for illegally uninsured employers.
- Fraud – if the department has evidence that a claim is false or fraudulent it shall be referred to the district attorney of the county in which the violation occurred for prosecution.



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