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TO: Workers' Compensation Insurance Carriers
Self-Insured Employers
Third Party Administrators

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RE: 2001/2002 Average Weekly Wage
Rule Changes to R612-2-5

As of July, 2001, the average weekly wage on which to base the highest amount per week that an injured worker can be paid for lost wages due to an industrial injury or illness will go to \$554 per week. This is 100% of the state's average weekly wage as determined by the Department of Workforce Services for the calendar year 2000 as required by 34A-2-410. A [Quick Reference Guide](#) is available for your convenience in calculating compensation for the various categories of compensation. In addition please note that mileage reimbursement for attendance at medical appointments has increased to \$.34.5 per mile as of July 1, 2001.

The Commission is adopting the use of the non-facility unit rate of the RBRVS, using the Commission's adopted conversion factors, in paying physicians for procedures that were performed in a facility rather than the office or a clinic since a separate charge will be generated by the facility. The effective date reflecting this change to R612-2-5 will take effect on July 3, 2001.