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RULE ADOPTIONS

**LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION**

48 N.J.R. 2822(a)

Adopted Amendment: *N.J.A.C. 12:235-1.6*

2017 Maximum Workers' Compensation Benefit Rates

Proposed: September 6, 2016, at *48 N.J.R. 1780(a)*.

Adopted: November 17, 2016, by Aaron R. Fichtner, Ph.D., Acting Commissioner, Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

Filed: November 17, 2016, as R.2016 d.176, **without change**.

Authority: *N.J.S.A. 34:1-5, 34:1-20, 34:1A-3(e), and 34:15-12(a)*.

Effective Date: December 19, 2016.

Expiration Date: December 26, 2020.

Summary of Hearing Officer's Recommendations and Agency's Response:

A public hearing regarding the proposed amendments was held on September 26, 2016, at the Department of Labor and Workforce Development. David Fish, Executive Director, Legal and Regulatory Services, was available to preside at the public hearing and to receive testimony regarding the proposed amendments. No one testified at the public hearing and no written comments were submitted directly to the Office of Legal and Regulatory Services. Therefore, the hearing officer recommended that the Department proceed with the amendments without change.

Summary of Public Comment and Agency Response:

No comments were received.

Federal Standards Statement

The adopted amendments do not contain any standards or requirements that exceed standards or requirements imposed by Federal law. The amendments increase benefit rates to individuals. As a result, an analysis of the adopted amendments pursuant to Executive Order No. 27 (1994) is not required.

Full text of the adoption follows:

12:235-1.6 Maximum workers' compensation benefit rates

(a) In accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 34:15-12.a, the maximum workers' compensation benefit rate for temporary disability, permanent total disability, permanent partial disability, and dependency is hereby promulgated as being \$ 896.00 per week.

(b) The maximum compensation shall be effective as to injuries occurring in the calendar year 2017.