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YEAR 2015 COST OF LIVING INCREASE NOTIFICATION

Rhode Island General Law Sections 28-33-17(f)(1), <u>Weekly Compensation for Total Incapacity</u>, 28-33-18.3(b)(1), <u>Continuation of Benefits – Partial Incapacity</u> and 28-37-30, <u>Cost of Living Increase</u>, provide for annual benefit increases to certain classes of employees.

By the statutes listed above, the increases to these employees shall be by an amount equal to the total percentage increase in the (CPI-W) Consumer Price Index, United States city average for urban wage earners and clerical workers as formulated and computed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor for the period of March 1 to February 28 each year.

The 12 month change in the CPI-W was a negative figure. Therefore, the Cost of Living Increase for 2015 will be $0.0\ \%$

Questions may be addressed to an Education Unit Representative of the Department of Labor and Training at (401) 462-8100, option #1.

Sincerely,

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