

# \$\$\$ **Schedule Awards** \$\$\$

## **Federal Workers' Compensation (FECA) Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP)**

### **A Schedule Award Pays You for Permanent Injuries**

- ★ A Schedule Award does not stop treatment. You are entitled to treatment for your lifetime.
- ★ A Schedule Award does not stop your employment or change your work restrictions.
- ★ A Schedule Award will stop Temporary Total Disability (TTD) payments.  
If the Office of Workers Compensation Programs (OWCP) stops your TTD you can apply for a Schedule Award.

### **Schedule Award Impairment Ratings**

- ★ Schedule Award ratings are **FREE**. Your physician gets OWCP to pre-approve your exam.
- ★ You can repeat a Schedule Award. If your condition worsens, then you get a higher rating.
- ★ Schedule Awards for: Upper & Lower Extremities, Hearing, Vision, Larynx, Tongue, Lung, Kidney, Skin & Sexual Organs. (See page 2 for accepted body parts)
  - ☆ There are **NO** Schedule Awards for **Spine • Brain • Heart • Internal Organs**.
  - ☆ There **ARE** Schedule Awards for the **Nerves in your Spine** that go to your extremities!
  - ☆ A spine condition can pinch a spinal nerve causing major impairment in an arm or leg.
  - ☆ Conditions requiring a nerve to be rated (Neck & Back Surgery, Carpal Tunnel, etc.) require an EMG/Nerve Conduction Study. The Schedule Award exam cannot be done until 1 year after surgery.

### **How to File for a Schedule Award**

- ★ Be at Maximum Medical Improvement (MMI). Determined by the physician of your choice. MMI means that continued maintenance treatment will not lower your impairment. You can continue medications, injections and therapy.
- ★ Find a Schedule Award rating physician of your choice.
  - Physicians must strictly follow the 6<sup>th</sup> Edition of the American Medical Association's, *Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment* **and** the OWCP regulations.
  - Your Schedule Award rating physician does not have to be your treating physician.
- ★ Google Form CA-7. Print and complete the form checking the Schedule Award box.
  - Give Form CA-7 and your Schedule Award report to your supervisor.
  - If retired, mail directly to OWCP.

### **Example of a Schedule Award with 20% Impairment Upper Extremity:**

- \$ Salary \$52,000 per year = \$1,000 per week.
- \$ Award Rates: With Dependents: 75% of weekly salary. Without Dependents: 66.7%
- \$ \$1,000 weekly salary X 75% = \$750 per week Award Rate.
- \$ An Upper Extremity has a total of 312 Weeks of Compensation.
- \$ 20% Impairment X 312 Weeks = 62.4 Weeks of Compensation.
- \$ 62.4 Weeks of Compensation x \$750 Award Rate = **\$46,800 Schedule Award**

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## \$\$ How Schedule Award Payments are Computed \$\$

Your Award Rate is a percentage of your weekly salary.

- With Dependents: 75.0% of weekly salary. Without Dependents: 67.7% of weekly salary.
- Weekly salary is your salary when you reach Maximum Medical Improvement (MMI)
- Make sure your employer and OWCP use the MMI date and not a lower salary from an older date.

Each Schedule Member is assigned a number of weeks.

The member's weeks are multiplied by your percentage of impairment.

Resultant weeks are multiplied by your Award Rate (75% or 67% of your weekly salary)

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Schedule Member	Weeks
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<b>Upper Extremity*</b>	<b>312</b>
Arm	312
Hand	244
Thumb	75
First Finger	46
Second Finger	30
Third Finger	25
Fourth Finger	15
<b>Lower Extremity*</b>	<b>288</b>
Leg	288
Foot	205
Great Toe	38
Other Toes	16
Breast	52
Ear: Both Ears Hearing Loss	200
Ear: One Ear Hearing Loss	52
Eye	160
Larynx	160
Lung	156
Kidney	156
Penis	205
Testicle	52
Tongue	160
Ovary/Fallopian Tube	52
Uterus/Cervix	205
Vulva/Vagina	205
Skin as a Organ	\$3,500

\* The AMA *Guides*, 6<sup>th</sup> Edition combines all the body parts in an upper extremity to the full extremity.

\* The AMA *Guides*, 6<sup>th</sup> Edition combines all the body parts in a lower extremity to the full extremity.

Up to \$3,500 for Disfigurement of the Head, Face or Neck, 5USC(c)(22) Aug 11

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