



MEMORANDUM

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To: Management-Labor Advisory Committee
 From: Jennifer Flood, Ombudsman for Injured Workers, DCBS
 Subject: Overview of LC 698 -- Death Benefits

Below is a simple comparison chart between the current law and the proposed changes in LC 698. Your questions and concerns are appreciated.

	Current Law	LC 698
1. Child rate(s)	10% or 25% of SAWW	25% of SAWW
2. Child eligibility	to age 18... or 19	to age 19
3. Benefits while attending higher education (LC to include GED)	Child must attend within 6 months of leaving high school. Benefits end when child stops attending, graduates, or becomes 23 – whichever is first.	Monthly benefits for up to 48 months while attending between ages of 19 to 26. Child responsible for providing documentation to insurer for eligibility.
4. Timely payment of burial/final disposition	60 days from acceptance	60 days from acceptance or death, whichever is later
5. Other changes in LC 698 are the result of legislative counsel performing “form/style clean up” with no intention of substantive changes.		