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## **BULLETIN NO. 170 (Revised) Dec. 20, 2007**

**TO:** Workers' compensation insurers  
**SUBJECT:** Lump sum payment of permanent partial disability awards  
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**This bulletin provides a form for the injured worker to apply for approval of lump sum payment of permanent partial disability award. This bulletin replaces Bulletin No. 170 dated Oct. 17, 1995.**

The insurer must pay a permanent partial disability award in a lump sum if the award amount is \$6,000 or less. If the award is greater than \$6,000, the insurer may approve or deny a worker's application for lump sum payment *without the Director's approval*. (ORS 656.230)

The worker must use the attached Form 440-1174, "Application for Approval of Lump-sum Payment of Award," to apply for lump sum payments of awards greater than \$6,000. Upon request from the worker, the insurer must forward the form to the worker.

Upon receiving the form back from the worker, the insurer must:

- Make the lump sum payment; or
- Send the form to the worker and the worker's attorney indicating the reasons for denying the lump sum request.

Duplicate the attached form or download a copy of the Microsoft Word 2000<sup>®</sup> form from the Workers' Compensation Division's Web site: <http://wcd.oregon.gov/forms/Pages/forms.aspx>.

If you have questions about this bulletin or Form 1174, contact the Benefits and Certification Unit at (503) 947-7585.

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Attachment: Form 440-1174 (Rev. 1/08)