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## MEMORANDUM

February 26, 2015

To:

All Judges and Attorneys

From:

Peter J. Calderone, Director and Chief Judge

Subject:

Web based Oscar-Calcs Program

The OSCAR-Calcs program, developed by the Division of Workers' Compensation with the assistance of many judges and attorneys, has become the primary method for judges and attorneys to calculate settlement awards. If there is a conflict in calculations, we have made OSCAR the required choice.

As a result of feedback received over the years, the Division began redesigning the program to make OSCAR web-based. The main benefits of a web-based program are:

- The yearly SAWW/max rates are automatically updated. You will no longer have to download the program every year to get the latest rates
- The program can be accessible from any web-device (PC, laptop, Tablet, Smart Phone).

As I presented at the Bench-Bar, this OSCAR upgrade was a priority for us. I am pleased to inform you that a **beta-version** of this program is now available at the following website: <a href="https://courtsonline.dol.state.nj.us/OscarCalc">https://courtsonline.dol.state.nj.us/OscarCalc</a>.

The web Oscar-Calcs will continue to provide the same features as the existing program. Once beta-testing has concluded, a notice will be sent out to all WC program participants with a link to the final program. I encourage all system participants to visit the new site to get familiar with OSCAR. Any comments or concerns can be directed to the following e-mail address: <a href="courts@dol.state.nj.us">courts@dol.state.nj.us</a>.

Thank you for your assistance.

