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Memorandum

To: Medical EDI Compliance Coordinators

From: Teresa Carney, Director for System Monitoring and Oversight

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Subject: Medical State Reporting of Diagnosis Codes and Pointers

Starting on April 1, 2014, all health care providers that participate in the Texas workers' compensation system will be required to utilize the newly updated Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) 1500 Health Insurance Claim Form Version 02/12 (CMS-1500). The CMS-1500 form now allows for the identification of up to 12 possible diagnosis codes and up to 12 corresponding diagnosis pointers. The identification of these diagnosis codes has also changed from a numeric system (1-4) to an alpha system (A-L).

Several questions have been raised regarding the transmission of the 12 possible diagnosis codes and corresponding diagnosis pointers via electronic data interchange (EDI) to the Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC).

1. Will the DWC allow for the reporting of up to 12 diagnosis codes (DN 522)?
2. Will the DWC allow for the reporting of diagnosis codes without decimals (DN 522)?
3. Will the DWC allow for the reporting of up to 12 diagnosis pointers (DN 557)?
4. Will the DWC allow the reporting of alpha characters for the diagnosis pointers?

28 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §134.803 requires insurance carriers to electronically report medical bills using the IAIABC EDI Implementation Guide for Medical Bill Payment Records, Release 1, dated July 4, 2002. These IAIABC EDI Implementation Guide standards will still apply. Specifically, only up to four (4) possible diagnosis codes and four (4) possible diagnosis pointers are allowed to be electronically transmitted to the DWC via EDI. The reporting of the diagnosis codes will continue to require a decimal point as identified on the Texas EDI Medical Data Element Edit Table, Version 1.0, dated 6/2011.

Additionally, the IAIABC EDI Implementation Guide standards do not allow for the transmission of alpha characters for the diagnosis pointers. Because of this, the DWC is informing the industry to continue to utilize a numeric reporting system (i.e. 1, 2, 3, 4) for the reporting of diagnosis pointers (DN 557) as identified on the Texas EDI Medical Data Element Edit Table, Version 1.0, dated 6/2011. For this purpose, insurance carriers should use the following crosswalk to report diagnosis pointers to the DWC:

- A=1
- B=2
- C=3
- D=4

A copy of the Texas EDI Medical Data Element Edit Table can be found on the Texas Department of Insurance website at <http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/edi/index.html> under “Medical EDI Implementation Guide”.

If you have any questions regarding this memo, contact EDI Support Services at 1-888-489-2667.