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To: Workers' Compensation System Participants

From: Kara Mace, Deputy Commissioner, Legal Services

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RE: Request for Comments - Draft Data Call for Information Regarding COVID-19

The Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) is posting a draft data call for information related to COVID-19 exposures and injuries reported to selected insurance carriers on or after December 1, 2019. This data call will provide DWC access to information to determine the impact of COVID-19 on the Texas workers' compensation system. It will be requested under Texas Labor Code §§401.024, 402.00111(b), 402.00128(b)(10) and (12), and Chapter 405.

DWC is accepting comments on this draft data call. You can [review the draft](#) and a [list of possible selected insurance carriers](#) on our website.

Data Call Submission and Deadline

DWC anticipates initiating the data call by posting a bulletin in late May. The proposed deadline for selected insurance carriers and insurance carrier groups to submit their initial summary data will be August 15, 2020. The initial submission will require reporting of all COVID-19 exposures and injuries reported to the insurance carrier, as well as benefit payments made on COVID-19 claims through June 30, 2020. Future submissions of this data will be required.

Comments

DWC will consider written comments received no later than 5 p.m., Central time, on May 8, 2020. Email your comments to RuleComments@tdi.texas.gov, or mail or deliver them to Cynthia Guillen, Legal Services, MS-4D, Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation, 7551 Metro Center Drive, Suite 100, Austin, Texas 78744-1645.

Questions

For questions on this draft data call, please contact the Workers' Compensation Research and Evaluation Group at WCRResearch@tdi.texas.gov.