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To: Texas Workers' Compensation System Participants

From: Kara Mace, Deputy Commissioner, Legal Services

Date: December 14, 2021

RE: Opportunity to Review and Comment on Claims Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) Rules

The Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) formally proposes amendments to 28 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 102, Sections 102.4, 102.5, and 102.8; Chapter 124, Section 124.2; and new Subchapter B in Chapter 124 to update and enhance its data collection methods.

Since 1994, DWC has required insurance carriers to file reports of injury to DWC using the International Association of Industrial Accident Boards and Commissions (IAIABC) claims EDI Release 1.0. The IAIABC no longer updates this standard. The current IAIABC claims EDI Release 3.1.4 proposed in the new rules would replace this outdated standard. The current 3.1.4 standard also aligns Texas with the standard that national insurance carriers use in several other states.

DWC is also posting new and revised versions of these DWC forms and notices:

- Revised EDI-03, *Claim and Medical EDI Compliance Coordinator and Trading Partner Notification*. The revised form allows insurance carriers to report the name of their claim EDI compliance coordinator, which the proposal requires.
- New Plain Language Notice (PLN-02B), *Notice of First Payment of Income Benefits on an Acquired Claim*. The new PLN allows insurance carriers to inform injured employees when a new claims administrator begins sending income benefit payments to an injured employee and to align with the proposed new claim EDI reporting requirement for this claim action. The PLN-02, *Notice of First Temporary Income Benefit Payment* will remain the same, but DWC will renumber it as the PLN-02A.
- New PLN-10B, *Notice of Lump Sum Payment of Income or Death Benefits*. The new PLN requires insurance carriers to inform an injured employee or beneficiary when they send a lump sum payment and to align with the proposed updated claim EDI reporting requirements. DWC will renumber the PLN-10, *Notice of Reinstatement of Indemnity Income Benefits* as the PLN-10A and update instructions to reflect that lump sum payments require the insurance carrier to issue the new PLN-10B.

- Revised PLN-08, *Notice of Change of Amount of Indemnity Benefit Payment*. The instructions for the PLN-08 are revised to reflect that lump sum payments require the insurance carrier to issue the new PLN-10B.
- Revised PLN-11, *Notice of Disputed Issues and Refusal to Pay Benefits*. The instructions for this PLN are revised to reflect the new requirement to report disputes of disability using the proposed updated claim EDI reporting requirements.
- Revised PLN-14, *Notice of Continuing Investigation*. The instructions for this PLN are revised to reflect the new requirement to report disputes of disability using the proposed claim EDI reporting requirements.

The proposed rule will be published in the December 24, 2021, issue of the *Texas Register* and available at [www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml](http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml) once published. We will also post a copy of the proposed rule, associated technical information, and the revised DWC form and notices on the TDI website at [www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/rules/2021rules.html](http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/rules/2021rules.html).

Email your comments to [RuleComments@tdi.texas.gov](mailto:RuleComments@tdi.texas.gov). We must receive your written comments by 5 p.m., Central time, on January 24, 2022. You may also mail or deliver your comments to:

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Find DWC locations at [www.tdi.texas.gov/wc](http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc) or call 800-252-7031.

DWC will hold a public virtual stakeholder meeting to discuss the amendments on January 18, 2022, at 10 a.m., Central time, through Zoom. Information on how to connect to the meeting will be available on the TDI website. DWC provides accommodations for people attending meetings, hearings, or educational events as required under the Americans with Disability Act. If you need accommodations, please contact Kate Thompson at 512-804-4707 or at [RuleComments@tdi.texas.gov](mailto:RuleComments@tdi.texas.gov) before noon, Central time, on January 17, 2022.