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To: Workers' compensation insurers, self-insured employers, third-party administrators, and other interested parties

Subject: Electronic data interchange (EDI) medical bill reporting implementation

The Workers' Compensation Division is planning to transition from the division's current Bulletin 220 medical bill data reporting format to a HIPAA-compliant ANSI 837 reporting methodology. This transition will assist the division in capturing more accurate and timely medical cost data in order to better monitor trends in the workers' compensation system.

Initial steps in the transition include:

- 1.) Begin testing of the ANSI 837 reporting format with Group 1 insurers in July 2008. Group 1 includes all reporters currently submitting medical bills in ANSI format to Texas, California, or Colorado. (Group 2 consists of SAIF alone, and Group 3 includes all other Bulletin 220 reporters.)
- 2.) Convene a stakeholder group to analyze business needs and plan a transition to EDI reporting of all claims, including nondisabling injuries, to the division. The division will hold regular stakeholder meetings to provide updates and obtain feedback on this important initiative.

If you have any questions or comments on the proposed EDI medical bill reporting requirements, please contact Hollis Mercer at (503) 947-7548 or Gayle Parrish at (503) 947-7626.

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