

## **Texas Department of Insurance**

## **Division of Workers' Compensation**

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To: Health Care Providers

Workers' Compensation Insurance Carriers

From: Albert Betts

Commissioner of Workers' Compensation

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Subject: eBilling Implementation

Health care providers and insurance carriers providing services for network and non-network Texas workers' compensation claims are required to be able to exchange medical bill data electronically (eBilling) on and after January 1, 2008.

The primary benefit of eBilling is that the insurance carriers will provide an electronic acknowledgement to health care providers that the bill was received. Other benefits include streamlined bill processing and reduced billing and coding errors.

Health care providers and insurance carriers are responsible for establishing their own business relationships for eBilling. With the effective date quickly approaching, health care providers and insurance carriers should contract with eBilling clearinghouses and trading partners as soon as possible.

Waivers from the eBilling requirements are available to qualifying entities. The deadline for submitting a waiver request to the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (TDI) is October 31, 2007.

Information relating to eBilling is available on the TDI website at <a href="http://www.tdi.state.tx.us/wc/ebill/index.html">http://www.tdi.state.tx.us/wc/ebill/index.html</a>. Health care providers are encouraged to check this website frequently for updates.

Direct waiver questions to Bill Wells at (512) 804-5002 or bill.wells@tdi.state.tx.us.

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