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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 9, 2008

TO: All Workers' Compensation System Participants

FROM: Allen McDonald, Director, Information Management Services

RE: Version 2.0 of Texas Clean Claim and Electronic Medical Billing and Payment Workers' Compensation Companion Guides

The Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (TDI-DWC) has released the new version of the Texas Clean Claim and Electronic Medical Billing and Payment Workers' Compensation Companion Guides (Companion Guides). All workers' compensation system participants are expected to implement the associated technical format changes on or before May 1, 2008. In addition, system participants are expected to follow the new paper claim instructions for paper claims submitted on or after March 1, 2008.

TDI-DWC revised the Companion Guides in response to input received at stakeholder meetings regarding potential impediments to successful eBill implementation. The revised Companion Guides contain numerous areas of clarification designed to ensure that workers' compensation eBill transaction standards are aligned with the transaction standards adopted under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). The technical revisions to the Companion Guides will increase the ability of system participants to use their existing HIPAA compliant software systems to electronically process workers' compensation claims for reimbursement. The changes to the paper claim instructions are designed to clarify issues associated with the use of certain data elements, such as the national provider identification number and the taxonomy code.

Insurance carriers, health care providers, and their eBill agents are strongly encouraged to develop business relationships with health care clearinghouses and software vendors in order to promote the integration of workers' compensation eBilling into their current product line and services.

Questions regarding the Companion Guides may be directed to TDI-DWC by emailing TXComp.Help@tdi.state.tx.us or by calling toll free at 888-489-2667.