
What is EDI?

Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) is a computer-to-computer exchange of data or information in a standardized format. EDI refers to the electronic transmission of claim and coverage information from Claims Administrators (insurers, self-insured employers, and third party administrators) to State Workers' Compensation Agencies.

Why use EDI?

EDI saves money

Carriers are using technology to increase productivity and minimize the cost of claims handling. Substantial savings can be made by electronically keying and storing claim information into your own systems at the same time as transmitting the information to the Division. Additional time and money is saved with the improved accuracy of electronic reporting through edits and immediate feedback on errors.

EDI Improves Reporting Performance

EDI improves your ability to report timely and speeds the exchange of information so claims are reviewed more quickly and managed more efficiently.

EDI Increases Accuracy

Under a paper system, the employer keys the information, then sends paper to the carrier. The carrier then keys it again and sends it to the state where it is keyed a third time. EDI reduces these steps and eliminates the chance of keying errors.

The Division's EDI Program

FROI

The International Association of Industrial Accident Boards and Commissions (IAIABC), an international association of workers' compensation administrators, has established standards on reporting industrial accidents. Colorado has been accepting Employers' First Reports of Injury (FROI) via EDI since 1996 utilizing Release 1 of the IAIABC's EDI Program.

SROI

The Division is in the process of developing Subsequent Report of Injury (SROI) utilizing Release 1, which includes Admissions, Denials, Changes in Benefits and Suspensions. The Division anticipates SROI to be ready by December 2002.

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Medical Data Warehouse

The Division has established a data warehouse for collection of Colorado workers' compensation paid medical bills. This data will enable the Division to analyze the medical cost in the Colorado workers' compensation system and apply this valuable data when reviewing the Medical Fee Schedule and Medical Treatment Guidelines.

The Division is now accepting employer and/or insurer based trading partners for collection of this data.

POC Proof of Coverage

Insurance carriers are required by rule to report insurance policy information to the National Council on Compensation Insurance (NCCI) rather than to the Division. Previously, insurance carriers provided the Division with hard copy proof of insurance which resulted in reams of paper and required manual entry by Division personnel. NCCI reported policy information to Colorado using an early version of the International Association of Industrial Accident Boards and Commissions' (IAIABC) Proof of Coverage (POC) format. The IAIABC POC format allowed for collection of additional carrier and employer data elements. While the Division has been utilizing the IAIABC POC format for several years, it was fully automated on May 1, 2001. The Division receives and acknowledges files from NCCI on a daily basis. Electronic Data Interchange is the technology that enables the Division to realize greater accuracy, more timeliness, and better quality of POC information, therefore better serving all our constituencies.



Getting Started

Call the Division's Business Contact for guidance. Decide on a vendor or build your main-frame system. Set up an account with a Value Added Network.

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