

Special Bulletin

NCHICA Transactions, Code Sets & Identifiers Workgroup

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New: Administrative Simplification in Workers' Compensation? Electronic Billing Rules Coming in July

The North Carolina Industrial Commission has established rules requiring electronic medical billing and payment processes in the workers' compensation system. The rules seek to simplify the medical billing process for providers, carriers, and trading partners by incorporating the standard transactions, code sets, and identifiers already established for the health care industry under HIPAA.

The effective date of the electronic billing rules is July 1, 2014. Rules requiring electronic payments by carriers (EFT) will take effect January 1, 2015.

Earlier this year, the Commission released its *North Carolina Workers' Compensation Electronic Billing and Payment Companion Guide*, which provides implementation guidance that is specific to the North Carolina workers' compensation system. The companion guide is applicable to all providers, carriers and trading partners, and is available for download at the URL below.

NCHICA encourages you to contact your trading partners as soon as possible to work together toward readiness.

For additional information, please click on the URLs below:

- [Official Announcement from the Industrial Commission](#)
- [NC Workers' Compensation Electronic Billing and Payment Companion Guide](#)
- [Electronic Billing Rules 101-109](#)
- [North Carolina Medical Society](#)

The TCI Workgroup provides a monthly forum for NCHICA members to discuss and learn about these and other industry initiatives. If you would like to join the workgroup, contact Allison Parker at allison@nchica.org.

HIPAA Administrative Simplification Implementation Timeline

01/01/14

Electronic Funds Transfer
Standard EFT and ERA
Operating Rules

07/01/14

NC Worker's Compensation
e-Billing

11/05/14

Health Plan Identifier (HPID)
Large Health Plan Enumeration

01/01/15

NC Worker's Compensation
e-Payment

09/30/15

ICD-9 Required

10/01/15

ICD-10 Implementation

11/05/15

Small Health Plan HPID
Enumeration

12/30/15

Health Plan Certification
(Proposed)

01/01/16

Claims Attachment Standard
Phase IV Operating Rules

11/07/16

HPID All Covered Entities

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ASC X12 70XX (tentative)
New Operating Rules