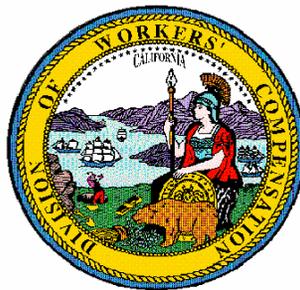


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Dear Claims Administrators:

Welcome to Electronic Data Interchange (EDI). The California Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) is pleased to introduce its system for receiving workers' compensation claims data via EDI. This data will be integrated with other data to make up our Workers' Compensation Information System, which will become a rich resource for analyzing the performance of California's workers' compensation system.

This manual, the *California EDI Implementation Guide For First and Subsequent Reports of Injury*, is intended to be a primary resource for the organizations that will become the Division's "trading partners" – claims administrators for California workers' compensation claims.

Some organizations already have substantial experience with EDI, and transmit data to workers' compensation agencies in many states. For them, this *Implementation Guide* can serve as a reference for California-specific protocols. While we have adhered to national EDI standards, California's implementation does have minor differences from other states'.

The *Implementation Guide* also includes background information for organizations new to EDI. If your organization is just getting started, the "Overview of EDI" and the "Managers' Guide" are for you. You will also find numerous valuable resource materials.

This *Implementation Guide* will remain under development for some time. As both the Division and our EDI trading partners gain experience with California's EDI system, updates to the *Guide* will be posted on our Web site at www.dir.ca.gov/dwc/wcis.htm.

We hope that the start-up of EDI data reporting in California will be as smooth and as painless as possible, both for the Division and for our EDI trading partners. DWC is dedicated to full, open communication as a cornerstone of a successful start-up process, and this *Implementation Guide* is a key element of that communication.

Sincerely,

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