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**Adopted Changes to California Regulations:
Title 8, Code of Regulations Section 9701-9702
California EDI/State Reporting Requirements Effective November 15, 2011**

The California Division of Workers' Compensation recently adopted new regulations updating the current Workers' Compensation Information System (WCIS), which includes Electronic Data Interchange (EDI)/State Reporting requirements for all medical claims. These new regulations impacting EDI/State Reporting make numerous modifications to current EDI requirements; however, they include no major impact to the overall EDI program and system.

The adopted EDI regulations can be accessed at:
www.dir.ca.gov/dwc/DWCPropRegs/WCIS_Regs/WCIS_RegulationsFinalClean.pdf

In addition to adopting regulatory changes to EDI requirements, the State adopted a new California-specific EDI Implementation Guide. This new version of the guide (version 1.1) incorporates the most current International Association of Industrial Accident Boards & Commissions (IAIABC) Implementation Guide with California-specific modifications. The regulations and EDI requirements take effect for reported medical claims on or after November 15, 2011.

The California EDI Implementation Guide Version 1.1 can be accessed at:
http://www.dir.ca.gov/dwc/DWCPropRegs/WCIS_Regs/WCIS_MedicalCAImplementationGuide_Nov2010.pdf

The adopted rule changes and EDI Implementation Guide modifications are not considerable deviations from current system requirements; however, they will require PMSI, our carrier clients and all EDI trading partners to carry out system and programming changes to ensure compliance.

Notable changes include:

- Adoption of California EDI Implementation Guide Version 1.1 (replaces Version 1.0) effective November 15, 2011
- California EDI Implementation Guide Version 1.1 incorporates the most current version of the IAIABC EDI Implementation Guide with California modifications



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- Payors or their EDI trading partners are required to report all paid medical claims data within 90 calendar days from medical bill payment, or final determination (reduction or denial) – previously just payment
- Transmission requirement of rendering and billing provider NPI numbers as assigned by CMS (if available) – previously not required

PMSI's State Reporting team is closely reviewing the newly adopted regulations and EDI Implementation Guide and stands ready to make any necessary system changes to ensure compliance. Additionally, PMSI will continue to work with our clients or their EDI trading partners to implement and comply with the new requirements in a timely manner. We encourage our clients to discuss the required changes with their trading partners or their PMSI Account Manager to discuss and develop an implementation timeline.

If you have any questions about this alert or any other government-related topic, please contact your dedicated Account Manager. You may also contact PMSI's Director of Government Affairs, Kevin Tribout, at Kevin.Tribout@pmsionline.com or 813.627.2445.

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