

ADVISORY NO. 65

TOPIC: ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF MEDICAL BILLS

TWCC has recently amended Rule 134.802 to require electronic submission of medical bills to the commission. The prior amendment to Rule 134.802 (effective 6/1/92) made electronic submission the recommended option, but left the paper copies of the original bills acceptable. See Flahive, Ogden & Latson Advisory 58.2.

Effective January 1, 1993, each insurance carrier shall submit information electronically in the form and format prescribed by the commission (Rule 134.802(b)). This is an unrealistic beginning date unless you use an outside vendor. We feel sure we can get extensions if you are diligently working on the solution. Also the commission has requested new legislative authority in 1993 to make a charge for paper copy submission if electronic commission is not done. **We protested the short lead time and we now expect a commission advisory soon which will delay mandatory implementation until July 1, 1993.**

The Medical Review and Data Services Divisions will help in this endeavor.

Attached are:

1. Procedures for the Electronic Submission of Medical Bill Information;
2. Electronic Submission of HCFA-1500 Record Layout Specification for Electronic submission (a technical paper on computer programming requirements); and
3. Form DS-27, Request to Electronically Submit Medical Bill Information.

If you have additional questions, contact John Tristan at 512-5440-3891 at the Texas Workers' Compensation Commission, Data Services.