

ADVISORY NO. 89

TOPIC: ELECTRONIC CLAIM SUBMISSION (ECS)

TWCC is expecting to receive responsibility for insurance coverage data effective September 1, 1993. The transfer from Texas Department of Insurance is expected to come from the legislature this current session. In anticipation of this change, TWCC plans to set up Electronic Coverage Returns. Two meetings have been held with carrier representatives. In these two meetings, many problems were identified and certain information gaps become apparent. As a result, TWCC has decided to lower the priority of this project.

However, TWCC has determined that ECS transaction of the Initial Payment A-1 (TWCC-21) - Payment of Compensation or Notice of Refusal/Disputed Claim form is to be the next form for ECS. TWCC will evaluate ECS for Initial Payment and the Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) now being used between carriers and IAIABC (International Association of Industrial Accident Boards and Commissions).

The Commission desires to initiate the Initial Payment ECS as soon as possible. If your company is interested in participating in this project, please contact John McGee, Acting Director, Records Division (512) 440-3929. Flahive, Ogden & Latson will be participating. You may send your comments and suggestions to Paul Williams of our firm. Additional information will be provided as the project progresses.