

**ADVISORY NO. 235**

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**TOPIC: SUBSEQUENT (TWCC-21) REPORTING VIA EDI**

As per the attached Advisory 98-02, the Commission is expanding its electronic data interchange initiative. It will now include electronic reporting of all TWCC-21 maintenance codes.

TWCC will first integrate the 50 largest insurance carriers. They will begin reporting between July 1998 and July 1999. Individual schedule dates have been assigned and are being sent to carriers. The smaller carriers and self-insureds will then be added to the reporting requirement. This should occur after July 1999. The Commission will not grant waivers. All carriers currently approved for TWCC-1 reporting will eventually be required to add the TWCC-21 reporting and will be required to report all changes in benefit types, reductions, resurreptions, and suspensions corresponding to the TWCC-21 (A-2 and A-3 blocks).

The Commission has determined that 90 days is an adequate notice for a carrier to prepare for EDI reporting. Many carriers have multiple locations and different trading partners. In the past, it has been difficult for these carriers to fully implement EDI reporting by the assigned production date. To address this problem, the Commission will extend a 30-day grace period from the production date. At the expiration of the grace period, there will be a benchmark audit. This benchmark will establish whether or not the carrier is in compliance with all EDI reporting requirements.

All carriers participating in the EDI program will then be subject to subsequent audits to determine compliance. The Commission has made it very clear that compliance is expected, and that carriers will be subject to penalties for failing to comply.

Notice of Refusals stating all defenses of insurance carriers are also submitted on TWCC-21 forms. Defenses must be filed on paper even though these defenses may separately be reflected on a EDI reporting. An EDI report, without a TWCC-21, will not comply with the statute and will not preserve a carrier's defenses.

The attached advisory more specifically identifies the requirements concerning data quality and details of implementation.

Please make sure your Trading Partners receive a copy of this important EDI Advisory. Because of possible violations and future TWCC Compliance & Practices Audits, Flahive, Ogden & Latson would like to be informed of the names of your current EDI Trading Partners. Please fill out the attached form and return as soon as possible.

FLAHIVE, OGDEN & LATSON

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# **TRADING PARTNER(S) INFORMATION RESPONSE**

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Re: EDI TRADING PARTNER(S)

**IMPORTANT:**

EDI Trading Partner contact personnel for our organization.

Carrier/or TPA Name

EDI Trading Partner Name  
: \_\_\_\_\_

EDI Contact Person

Phone Number : (800) \_\_\_\_\_ Other:

Fax Number : \_\_\_\_\_

**If more than one:**

EDI Trading Partner Name  
: \_\_\_\_\_

EDI Contact Person

Phone Number : (800) \_\_\_\_\_ Other:

Fax Number : \_\_\_\_\_

EDI Trading Partner Name  
: \_\_\_\_\_

EDI Contact Person

Phone Number : (800) \_\_\_\_\_ Other:

Fax Number : \_\_\_\_\_

EDI Trading Partner Name  
: \_\_\_\_\_

EDI Contact Person

Phone Number : (800) \_\_\_\_\_ Other:

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Fax Number : \_\_\_\_\_

EDI Trading Partner Name

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EDI Contact Person

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Phone Number : (800) \_\_\_\_\_

Other:

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