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TOPIC: **COMMISSION APPROVED/TESTING ELECTRONIC CLAIMS SUBMISSION (ECS) SENDERS**

The TWCC is in the process of changing the electronic reporting format for the HCFA-1500 and UB-92 forms. These changes stem from the Commission's desire to increase data quality for claims handling and analysis. The changes to the HCFA-1500 and UB-92 forms include tightening current edit fields and creating several new edit fields. The changes to the HCFA-1500 and UB-92 are tentatively scheduled for an effective date of May 1, 2000. Please review the enclosed draft of the proposed changes to the aforementioned forms.

Additionally, the TWCC is beginning to compile a data table of Carriers and their Electronic Claims Submission (ECS) Trading Partners. The information table that the Commission is building will ensure that correct claims information is transmitted for each claim. This information will be compiled and maintained (in data table format) by the TWCC to verify claims information on electronically submitted data. The information gathered by TWCC will include MBIN, Carrier Name, TWCC assigned location code, and the ECS Trading Partner. After May 1, 2000, electronically submitted claims information will not be accepted if the location code and MBIN do not correspond to the Trading Partner Table.

In order to facilitate the collection of this data, the Commission has published the attached MR-2 form. It is imperative for Carriers to fill out and return the MR-2 form **no later than January 31, 2000** to the attention of:

Sandy Guidry-Garcia
Texas Workers' Compensation Commission

TWCC will no longer be using the RE-5 and RE-27 forms for submission of Medical Bills. Instead, the TWCC will be using the MR-1 form (attached) and the MR-2 form.

Please review the two letters attached to this Advisory and properly disseminate this information within your organization. If you have any questions about this matter, or need assistance in completing the attached form, please contact Frank Clary at (512) 435-2222.