ADVISORY NO. 305-AMENDED

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TOPIC: ELECTRONICALLY FILED FIRST REPORTS OF INJURY

Please substitute this Advisory for Advisory 305 issued on August 24, 2001.

TWCC has announced two new implementation dates, and not a single date. *Effective January 1, 2002*, the TWCC will require reporting of the applicable Standard Industrial Classification Codes (SIC codes) on first reports of injury. The SIC code will be transmitted as a component of the EDI report in data number 25. The TWCC has modified their EDI systems to accept this classification code and it will be a required data element on all electronically reported EDI 148 transactions. The SIC code transmitted must be the same code that the Texas Workforce Commission has assigned to the injured worker's employer.

Effective July 1, 2003, the TWCC will require that North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) code for first reports of injury be used for electronically filed first reports of injury. The NAICS code will be transmitted as a component of the EDI report in data number 25. The NAICS code will ultimately replace SIC code usage in data number 25. The TWCC has modified their EDI systems to accept this classification code and it will be a required data element on all electronically reported EDI 148 transactions effective July 1, 2003. The NAICS code transmitted must be the same code that the Texas Workforce Commission has assigned to the injured worker's employer.

After January 1, 2002, in the event that the carrier does not supply the relevant SIC (and after July 1, 2003 the NAICS code) in data number 25 with any EDI 148, the TWCC will note on the corresponding EDI acknowledgement report that the EDI transmission was accepted conditionally. The carrier will then have 90 days to correct the transaction by supplying the correct SIC or NAICS code. In the event that the carrier does not supply the SIC or NAICS code within the 90 correction period, the first report will be rejected by the TWCC.

The TWCC is advising carriers of both changes to allow for time to develop or enhance carrier EDI transmittal systems. Please note that the effective date for SIC code usage in EDI first reports is January 1, 2002. Please note that the effective date for NAICS code usage in EDI first reports is July 1, 2003. Again, the SIC or NAICS code transmitted must be the same code that the Texas Workforce Commission has assigned to the injured worker's employer. Carriers must use the SIC code after January 1, 2002. TWCC will not be ready to accept NAICS codes on this date.

Please contact our office if you have any questions regarding this or any other EDI matter.

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