

**ADVISORY NO. 423**  
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**TOPIC: EDI DATA ELEMENTS: A CLARIFICATION**

The DWC has revised its implementation guides on its website to clarify its expectations regarding the meaning of one EDI data element. The revision removes confusing language regarding the 8th day of disability as it relates to the EDI DN 88. The revision can be found at: <http://www.tdi.state.tx.us/wc/edi/documents/clmsedirevision.xls>.

The change is intended to make clear that the DN 88 upload should reflect the first day of the first payment, regardless of whether the waiting period has been waived. This means that the DN 88 should reflect the 8th day, when the waiting period is applied, and the first day when the waiting period is waived.

This means that the following five EDI data elements should reflect the following:

**A: Accuracy of transmission of the Initial Payment (EDI DN 03)**

This category is seeking the date the check was mailed or left the possession of the carrier.

**B: Accuracy of Transmission on the First Written notice of Injury (EDI DN 41)**

This category is seeking the date the claim administrator who is processing the claim received notice of the loss or occurrence for the first time.

**C. Accuracy of Transmission of the date disability began (EDI DN 56)**

This category is seeking the first day on which the employee originally lost time from work due to the occupational injury or disease or as otherwise defined by the jurisdiction.

**D. Accuracy of Transmission of the Initial payment from date (EDI DN 88)**

This category is seeking the first start date of a benefit period for which benefits were paid. Carriers should always use the first payment day of the first check, regardless whether the waiting period has been waived or not.

**E. Accuracy of Transmission of the Initial payment to date (EDI DN 89)**

This category is seeking the last date of a benefit period for which benefits were paid. This means it is the last day represented by the first check. If the first check is for 7 days of benefits,

it is the 7th day. If the first check is for 14 days of benefits, it is the 14th day. If the first check is for 56 days of benefits, it is the 56th day, and so on.

DWC's Audit team understands that these data elements should be completed in this fashion and will audit these elements accordingly.