



ADVISORY NO. 478

TOPIC: MEDICAL BILL REPORTING

The Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (TDI-DWC) is accepting comment on informally proposed rules to amend Rules 134.803, 134.804, and 134.807 of Title 28 of the Texas Administrative Code regarding Medical Bill Reporting. The informal proposal was published on April 24, 2012 and may be viewed on the TDI website at <http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/rules/drafts.html>. The comment period on the informal proposal closes Thursday, May 24, 2012.

The purpose of the informal proposal is to request input from workers' compensation system participants regarding modifications to the existing rules relating to Medical Bill Reporting. The current rules related to medical electronic data interchange (EDI) reporting adopt a standard which utilizes International Classification of Diseases, 9th Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-9-CM codes). Current federal regulations require utilization of International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, Clinical Modification and Procedural Coding System (ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS) by October 1, 2013; however, the federal Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has published a formal rule proposal that proposes a new compliance date of October 1, 2014. In order to allow for compliance with the federal regulation, TDI-DWC is seeking comment from system participants to determine which of the two proposed options would be preferred.

Option 1 is identified as Draft Rule Changes for Retaining the IAIABC EDI Implementation Guide, Release 1. This first option retains the use of the IAIABC EDI Implementation Guide, Release 1, but requires insurance carriers to populate ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS codes in the data elements for the ICD-9 data elements using the ICD-10 codes when appropriate.

Option 2 is identified as Draft Rule Changes for Adopting the IAIABC EDI Implementation Guide, Release 2. This second option adopts by reference the IAIABC Workers' Compensation Medical Bill Data Reporting EDI Implementation Guide, Release 2.0, dated February 1, 2012 (IAIABC EDI Implementation Guide, Release 2). The IAIABC EDI Implementation Guide, Release 2, and the underlying ASC X12 005010 standard, supports the reporting of ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS codes.

The IAIABC EDI Implementation Guides may be obtained from the IAIABC's online store at

http://www.iaabc.org/i4a/ams/amsstore/store.cfm?product_id=0.

Since the informal proposal contains two different options to address this issue, the TDI-DWC requests that system participants clearly indicate their preferred option and the reasons supporting that option.