

Claims EDI Release 3

The Division has adopted Rule 69L-56 (effective 1-7-07) that will require insurers to electronically report certain claims information to the Division using the IAIABC Claims EDI Release 3 national standard. A copy of the "mandate rule" is available at http://www.fldfs.com/wc/edi_clms Insurers will implement Release 3 over 3 "test to production" quarters, based on Insurer Code #, with the 1st group to begin testing 11-1-07. All existing FL trading partners currently submitting transactions in the Release 1 format will be required to convert to the new standard in the first quarter of the mandate.

International Association of Industrial Accident Boards and Commissions (IAIABC) Release 3 Implementation Guide

The IAIABC Claims EDI Implementation Guide for Release 3 (June 1, 2006 is available (at no charge) from the IAIABC's web site at <http://www.iaiaabc.org/edi/implementation.asp> The IAIABC's web site also contains a Migration document that compares data elements in the Release 1 standard to the new Release 3 standard. The guide contains the transaction record layouts, data dictionary, scenarios, trading partner requirements, etc. The web site also contains other important code tables required in Release 3. It is recommended that claim administrators download this guide and code tables and begin reviewing them with management and IT staff. If you print the guide, it was designed to print double-sided and is 790 pages long.

Benefits of Using Release 3

- Reduces maintenance of two different file formats/standards and allows migration from Release 1.
- Includes new enhancements and fixes old Release 1 problems.
- Allows for future development in the same format.
- Easier to use and understand.

How to Prepare for Release 3

- √ Download the Claims EDI Release 3 Implementation Guide and code tables from the IAIABC's website and begin reviewing them with management and IT staff. Become familiar with the flat file formats, and data elements in the Release 3 guide
- √ Download Rule 69L-56 and the FL Claims EDI R3 Implementation Manual and become familiar with FL's EDI filing requirements.
- √ Determine if you will do the programming in-house or use an outside claims system or vendor that is prepared to handle the Release 3 format and specifications.
- √ Analyze your data and determine what fields you may have to change or add in your system to comply with the EDI Release 3 requirements (ex. Employee Name must be sent as separate fields - First, Middle, Last, Suffix). If you receive a large volume of phone calls/letters from the Division regarding data deficiencies on paper form filings, carefully analyze any trends and correct them prior to converting to EDI.
- √ Consider attending FL Claims EDI Release 3 training to be provided in the near future.

FL Claims EDI Release 3 Training

A two & ½ day Claims Release 3 training course is being developed by FL. One day will cover EDI basics such as the IAIABC EDI R3 Implementation Guide, file formats and trading partner tables and is being designed for those new to the Claims EDI process. An additional 1 & ½ days is being designed for FL specific Claims EDI training, with FL specific scenarios. These trainings will provide critical instruction needed by both a "business" person and a "technical/systems" person within a company. More information about FL Claims EDI R3 training and training locations will be posted to the Division's website in the near future.



Florida Claims EDI Implementation Manual for Release 3

The Florida Claims Release 3 EDI Implementation Manual, which contains filing specifications for sending claims data to the Division via EDI, is available on the Division's website at www.fldfs.com/wc/edi_clms.html

The Florida manual provides detailed data element requirements and time frames for Florida filings, as well as information on how the data will be edited and processed by the Florida Division of Workers' Compensation via the Florida Event Table, Element Requirement Table and Edit Matrix.

What Is EDI?

Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) is defined as a computer-to-computer exchange of data in a standardized format. Ideally, EDI information is exchanged in an environment free of human intervention. Omitting re-entry requirements reduces the number of errors, thus maintaining data quality.

EDI requires standardization of electronic formats. Each trading partner (parties who exchange data) must use the standardized format and set of rules for the data information transfer. Standardizing and automating front-end edits allow for better data integrity, and reduce data rejections.

Insurers are currently required to electronic report Medical and Proof of Coverage information to the Division. They will be required to report Claims information (DWC-1's, 12's & 13's) beginning in Nov 2007. This brochure is intended to help an insurer prepare for the upcoming Claims EDI Release 3 mandate.

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HOW TO PREPARE FOR THE CLAIMS EDI MANDATE USING THE IAIABC EDI CLAIMS R3 FORMAT

