

## **Proposed WCC EDI Timeline**

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### **EDI has three parts-**

**WCC** – We establish the requirements. Then we have to program our computers (WCIS) to receive these data.

**Carriers & TPAs** – They must program their computers to meet our requirements.

**Intermediary Vendor** – They will guide us through the process. They will set up and operate our data exchange system. They will verify all data coming from the carriers and block any errors. Then they will format the carrier data to match our requirements.

### **April 17 - Adopt IAIABC Release 3 as the WCC EDI standard**

This is the current national standard that most insurance carrier and TPA computer systems are programmed to accommodate.

Begin review of forms immediately. Once the forms are programmed into the EDI system, changes will be costly to all stakeholders. Now is the time to begin the deliberative review of all forms. See Forms Review Process below.

### **April 28 – Post an RFP**

There are three national vendors who will bid for the contract. They will guide us through the process. They will set up and operate our data exchange system. They will verify all data coming from the carriers and block any errors. Then they will format the carrier data to match our requirements. This will include a web interface for smaller companies who prefer to submit forms one at a time rather than via EDI.

### **May 23 – Deadline for RFP submission**

Review proposals and prepare report for next Commission meeting.

### **May 29 – Announce bid recipient**

Commission will make final selection in an open meeting. Prices are expected to be \$30,000-60,000 for set up and an additional \$30,000-\$60,000 per year for service.

Begin work with EDI vendor immediately.

### **June-July – Identify specific data fields**

The vendor will guide us through this process. They know the needs of the carriers, but we will need input from all stakeholders. We need to identify specific reports we want to generate. That will determine the inputs (data fields) we need.

### **June 19 – Public hearing on forms**

85a 101 requires us to hold a public hearing and consult with stakeholders before implementing EDI. This discussion will likely center around the process we are using to develop our EDI plan, the process we plan to use to collect data and data fields we choose to collect.

### **July 17 – Adopt updated forms**

At the July public meeting the Commission will officially define the data fields to be collected by adopting revised forms.

**August-November**

The vendor, carriers and WCIS will be programming to the standard adopted at the July public meeting.

**December – Test runs**

The vendor, some carriers (CompSource & NAICO) and WCIS will begin a pilot program.

**January 1, 2015 – Go live date**

Carriers will be invited to voluntarily comply. This will save them money so many will choose to participate.

**January 1, 2016 – Mandatory compliance**

All claims administrators with more than 300 Form 2s per year will be required to submit them electronically.

**Forms Review Process**

The goal of EDI is to reduce the work load, thus the cost, of data transfer for all stakeholders including: the WCC, the insurance carriers and TPAs, employers and employees. So, the first step to EDI is to determine which forms to include in the EDI process.

**Determine the Forms to be Included**

The bulk of the work is found in producing and receiving Form 2, 2A, 2A Ext and 4. Other forms can be built into the system over time, but these are the most likely candidates to begin the process.

The most important step in the EDI process is determining what reports the WCC wants to produce with the collected data. So, a logical place to start is with the OWCC annual report.

**OWCC Annual Report**

Examine the annual report to determine which tables we wish to continue reporting, which tables we prefer to alter and which tables need to be added to create the future WCC report. The CEC needs to be invited into this discussion as a stakeholder.

**Statutory Requirements**

Check Oklahoma Statutes to identify specific statistics we are required to report.

**Internal Reports**

Determine what internal statistics we wish to be able to generate for management purposes.

**Current Forms**

Consider how the current forms align with IAIABC Release 3. Requiring non-standard data will be costly to the carriers and there will be minimal voluntary compliance and considerable push back against mandatory compliance.

**Update Forms**

Establish new forms based on necessary data elements to produce desired reports.