

## STATE OF TENNESSEE BUREAU OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION

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## **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Bureau of Workers' Compensation will begin tracking the number of rejected EDI filings that are not corrected and re-filed. Penalty referrals are possible.

The Tennessee Bureau of Workers' Compensation is charged, statutorily, with collecting and maintaining accurate records concerning the occurrences of on-the-job injuries, the cost and treatment information regarding those injuries, as well as the terms and payment schedules of settled claims. Additionally, the Workers' Compensation Reform Act of 2013, much of which went into effect for dates of injury on or after July 1, 2014, requires the Bureau to provide an annual report on the impact of the Reforms to the General Assembly. The annual report must include most of the information mentioned above.

Insurance carriers, third party administrators, self-insureds, their vendors and staff are reminded that EDI filings are not considered "filed" until they have been accepted by the Bureau. EDI filings that are rejected by the Bureau are not considered "accepted" and instead are considered "unfiled."

In order to provide more accurate data to the General Assembly and to aid the Bureau in its research, effective January 1, 2016, the Bureau will begin tracking the number of rejected EDI filings that are not timely corrected and will begin making referrals to the Bureau's Penalty Program.

In order to avoid the penalties associated with an unfiled claim form, all insurance carriers, third party administrators, self-insureds, their vendors and staff are encouraged to review <a href="Chapter 0800-02-01">Chapter 0800-02-01</a>, which are the Bureau's GENERAL RULES OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION PROGRAM, and <a href="Chapter 0800-2-14">Chapter 0800-2-14</a>, which are the Bureau's CLAIMS HANDLING STANDARDS. These rules define the required filings and their individual deadlines.

Additional EDI information is available on our website at:

http://www.tn.gov/workforce/article/wc-electronic-data-interchange-edi or you may contact EDI Lead, Susie Morgan, at 615-741-0759 or WC.EDI@TN.GOV.