



Are You Ready for the New Indemnity Data Call?

Ensure compliance with NCCI reporting changes

Last year, the National Council on Compensation Insurance (NCCI) announced new data reporting requirements for indemnity benefit payments. These changes go into effect the first half of 2020 and will affect companies' claims-reporting processes. The following is a primer on the new data call and how your company can prepare for it.

Understanding the new reporting requirements

Data Reporters will be required to report additional data elements regarding indemnity benefit payments and incurred and paid-to-date loss information. Two record layouts will be used:

- transactional record
- quarterly record

Records will be submitted and evaluated quarterly, with submissions due by the end of the following quarter. The new indemnity data call includes 47 data elements, with 32 elements currently reported in the Detailed Claim Information and/or Unit Statistical. The remainder are new data elements.

What companies are affected by the changes?

The new indemnity call applies to all affiliate groups that have at least 1 percent market share in any one applicable NCCI state over the most recent three years (overall average equals 1 percent or more). Affected claims include direct workers' compensation, voluntary compensation plans, and employer liability indemnity claims where the claim's jurisdiction state is an applicable call state or federal act. Medical-only claims are excluded, and there's also a business exclusion option. In addition, all ten bureau states are participating in the call. Affiliates can submit the required data directly to NCCI, authorize a vendor to do so on their behalf, or use a combination of both.

Why is NCCI requiring new data elements?

The new indemnity call will provide NCCI with more robust source data to better support increased legislative pricing activities for indemnity benefits. In the long term, NCCI intends to use the new initiative to eventually replace the current Detailed Claim Information (DCI) reporting program.

When do the changes take effect?

This new process begins in the second quarter of 2020, with the certification and testing process slated to begin in the first quarter of 2020.

Meet new reporting requirements with wcPrism®

wcPrism® is prepared to help all data reporters comply with the new indemnity data call. Our Workers' Comp Service Plan (WCSP) is up to date and ready to accept the required data elements for reporting. As the data is reported to ISO, we trigger the required transactional and quarterly records, validate them for data errors, and then submit error-free records to the appropriate data collection organization.

You can also view and edit indemnity data call records online via our wcPrism web application.

Sources

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For a detailed breakdown of the
indemnity data call, read our
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