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Judge Carolyn Hall, Chairman Georgia State Board of Workers' Compensation 270 Peachtree Street Atlanta, GA 30303

To: GA Permitted Workers' Compensation Carriers/Self-insured Employers/Group Funds/TPA

The Georgia State Board of Workers' Compensation has begun the implementation of our Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) program. We announced the program in a letter last July asking all Insurers, Self-Insurers, Claims Offices and Group Funds to schedule their participation in the implementation. Effective July 1, 2009, the Rules for the SBWC address the mandatory filing of new lost time claims through EDI.

If you are actively participating with SBWC in EDI testing we will continue until you have successfully exited the test scenarios. You do not need to request an extension. For an accurate list of certified EDI Service Providers visit our website under the EDI Updates.

If we have not received a response from your organization regarding your implementation plans please visit our website to contact one or more of the WC Service Providers (vendors) listed to assist your organization in becoming compliant with EDI.

An application for EDI Extension can be requested from <u>edi@sbwc.ga.gov</u> until July 31, 2009. Return the completed extension to <u>edi@sbwc.ga.gov</u> with a copy of a signed letter of intent if your organization engages the services of one of the certified vendors. Extensions will only be granted after a full review by the Board and for a maximum of 3 months. We appreciate your strict compliance with this request.

The Georgia EDI Implementation Tables can be downloaded from our website under the EDI Updates at www.sbwc.Georgia.gov. If you have questions, please contact our EDI Team at edi@sbwc.ga.gov.

Thank you in advance for your support and help with the EDI implementation.

Warmest Regards,

Carolyn C. Hall/s.

Carolyn C. Hall, Chairman

cc: Stan Carter, SBWC Executive Director Board Directors