



State Board of Workers' Compensation

TO: Georgia Licensed Workers' Compensation Insurers
Self Insured Employers
Group Funds
Third Party Administrators

FROM: Judge Richard Thompson, Chairman
RE: SBWC Electronic Filing Non-compliance
DATE: September 16, 2010

SBWC Electronic Filing Mandate 2009

As of September 15, 2010 the Board has begun to return paper forms for **new lost time claims (WC-1s, WC-2s, WC-2a, WC-3s, or WC-4s) that are submitted to the Board from Insurers, Self-Insurers, Group Funds and Third Party Administrators who are registered as EDI Trading Partners with the State of Georgia.**

Your organization is in violation of the SBWC Electronic Filing Mandate 2009 if you continue to send paper forms to SBWC and you are registered as an EDI Trading Partner in Production. If there are paper forms attached to this letter they are being returned to you to file via EDI.

Effective October 1, 2010 fines and/or penalties may be assessed for noncompliance against organizations which are not participating in EDI or for those who continue to file outside the EDI parameters as defined on the Board's website (EDI Updates). The initial fine for insurers, self-insured employers, and Group Funds for noncompliance will be **\$100/day and \$25/form received at SBWC**. Frivolous filing in EDI (i.e. SROI not received within 48 hours) may also result in a **\$50/transaction** fine.

Maintenance of existing claims will continue in paper or by registered users of the Board's web-based claims filing system.

Use of Consolidators

The Board expects many organizations will want to use third-party vendors; organizations that can accept data and pass it successfully via EDI transmissions to the Board. We have posted on our website the contact information for several of the EDI service vendors who have successfully completed the EDI tests for Georgia to assist in your search for a service provider in the event you do not plan to do EDI in-house.

Web Site Updates

Georgia's requirements for the IAIABC EDI Release 3 standards are posted on our web site (<http://sbwc.ga.gov>) under **EDI Updates**. Please refer to this site for future updates. If you have any questions about implementing EDI with Georgia, send your questions to the EDI email address at the Board. Include EDI Implementation in the subject line of your email EDI@SBWC.GA.GOV.

We appreciate your help and enthusiasm as we complete the rollout of this exciting new system.