

Frequently Asked Questions about the Georgia Workers' Compensation EDI Program

The Georgia State Board of Workers' Compensation (SBWC) appreciates the continued input from potential trading partners regarding our EDI program. Past input has raised important issues and in response SBWC has continued its efforts to clarify EDI filing requirements.

If you have a question which is not addressed in this FAQ Document and feel it would be helpful to include it, send your suggestions to SBWC by regular mail, e-mail, or fax. Periodically, we will update the set of Frequently Asked Questions found on this page.

Question: Does the First Report of Injury, get sent for all claims (medical-only as well as indemnity)? Do all incidents, regardless of medical aid, get reported via EDI?

Answer: An EDI FROI will have the same reporting requirements as the paper FROI in the jurisdiction. The FROI must be filed with SBWC after an injured employee loses more than seven (7) calendar days from work. Medical only claims or claims with 7 or less days of lost time should be reported on the WC-26. After the FROI has been acknowledged and accepted the SROI should be filed within 48 hours. The jurisdiction is only accepting new reports of injury via EDI.

Question: Is EDI now mandatory in Georgia? When will it be mandatory?

Answer: EDI is not mandatory in Georgia at this time. Georgia's Integrated Claims Management System (ICMS) will use Release 3 of the IAIABC's Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) standards as a way to enter new First Reports of Injury (FROIs) as well as Subsequent Reports of Injury (SROIs) for those claims created through EDI. At the end of an eighteen month test period the Board will not accept paper WC-1s, WC-2s, WC-3s, or WC-4s on new claims created through EDI. Electronic filing for all Insurers/Self Insurers and Group Funds will be mandatory either by EDI or electronic forms in ICMS by 2nd Quarter 2009.

Question: What Industry Codes (DN0025) will Georgia accept?

Answer: Georgia accepts the Standard Industry Code 2002 North American Industrial Classification System Codes (NAICS).

Question: Do you have a list of approved vendors?

Answer: The Board expects many organizations will want to use consolidators, organizations that can accept data and pass it successfully via EDI transmissions to the Board. Consequently, we expect consolidators to be among the first approved to use EDI at SBWC. We will post on our web site (www.sbwc.georgia.gov) in the EDI Updates Section those consolidators that are approved as EDI submitters.

Question: Do we submit an EDI Subsequent Report of Injury (SROI) on claims for which we previously submitted a paper Employer's Report of Accident (a paper FROI)?

Answer: No, EDI is for new claims only. EDI SROIs can only be submitted if there is an EDI First Report.

Question: What are the procedures for becoming an EDI Trading Partner?

Answer: During the 4th quarter 2007 the Georgia Board completed the internal testing and finalized the programs that support EDI. The Board is now prepared to release these products to our external partners. The Board will be conducting Pilot testing during 1st quarter 2008.

Below is a Quick Reference List of topics and page numbers in the Georgia SBWC EDI Implementation Guide that may be the most helpful in getting started with your EDI implementation process.

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Georgia Trading Partner Documents

This includes the Application for EDI Partnership, Trading Partner Agreement, Trading Partner Profile, and Transmission Profile. Copies of all of these documents can be downloaded from the Georgia SBWC's website at <http://sbwc.georgia.gov>. Please see Section 4, Becoming an EDI Trading Partner in this guide for more details on how to complete the necessary Trading Partner documents

Question: Where can I find the Georgia EDI Implementation Guide?

Answer: The Georgia EDI Implementation Guide is available on our web site at ([www...html](http://www.sbwcc.com/html))

Question: How do I contact the State of Georgia EDI Coordinator?

Answer: Please email us at: edi@sbwc.ga.gov.

Question: Where can I find the IAIABC Release 3 Implementation Guide?

Answer: Presently Georgia SBWC is using the IAIABC Release 3 Implementation Guide. [http://www.iaiaabc.org/edi/implementation_docs/release3.0/Release%203%20\(09-15-07\)%20final.pdf](http://www.iaiaabc.org/edi/implementation_docs/release3.0/Release%203%20(09-15-07)%20final.pdf)

Question: Where do I find the Data Dictionary?

Answer: The Data Dictionary can be found in Section 6 of the IAIABC Release 3 Implementation Guide <http://www.iaibc.org/edi/implementation.asp>.

Question: What is the definition of a lost time claim in Georgia?

Answer: In Georgia a lost time claim describes an injury where the employee loses more than seven (7) calendar days from work. If you still require assistance please contact us via email at edi@sbwc.ga.gov.

Question: I have a question regarding GA EDI implementation. I am looking at the testing schedule and I see that there are three groups with different timetables. Can we as a company choose or request which group and timetable to participate in? Will it be possible to know our group before the December 1 date? If we choose or are placed in a later group, will we have to file electronic reports prior to our go live date?

Answer: Your company may continue to file requests for placement within one of the three implementation groups. SBWC will let you know when each group is scheduled to begin submitting new claims using EDI. Submitting electronic reports on existing claims is an option if your claims office or insurer has registered to use ICMS.

Question: I am looking for some clarification on your states EDI reporting requirements. I am looking for what we need to report if we do not have a claimant's social security number. Is the next step to use a green card or passport number? If none of the above are available what should we report? Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Answer: You cannot file using EDI if there is not a valid Social Security Number, you must file that claim via paper.

Question: Express Scripts is a mail order pharmacy that provides drugs for workers compensation claims. Would we be required to send our pharmacy claims information to you through EDI transactions? We currently send our pharmacy claims information to Texas & California.

Answer: No, you would not be required to send your pharmacy claims information to SBWC through EDI. Currently, EDI accepts the data to complete the 7/2007 revision of WC-1, WC-2, WC-2A, WC-3 and the WC-4 Board forms.

Question: Will Phase 4 be for EDI submissions of Indemnity claims only, or Medical claims only, or both?

Answer: EDI submission currently provides support for indemnity claims only.

Question: Is the state providing a value table listing all valid codes state will accept?

Answer: Please use the IAIABC EDI Implementation Guide for First, Subsequent, Acknowledgement Detail, Header, & Trailer Records TABLE 1: FIPS (Federal Information Processing Standards) Codes (DN04 Jurisdiction) Alpha State Codes for the States and the District of Columbia

For assistance, contact us via Email at edi@sbwc.ga.gov
