GENERAL CIRCULAR LETTER 453 – January 30, 2004

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE BUREAU

SPECIAL ATTENTION: UNIT STAT PERSONNEL

RE: Industry Release of Web-Based BEEP

As a member of the American Cooperative Council on Compensation Technology (ACCCT), the Bureau is pleased to announce the addition of the Web-based version of BEEP (Bureau Entry & Editing Program) to the family of ACCCT products. ACCCT is an industry group, which facilitates cooperative development of products related to worker's compensation insurance.

The software is now available for industry use and can be accessed through ACCCT's CDX system. Additional information pertaining to the CDX service can be found on the ACCCT Web site at www.accct.org.

The attached announcement provides information about the Web-based application and outlines some of the functions. It also provides the name and phone number of WCRB staff who will be able to answer your questions and assist you in getting started.

We are confident that Web-based BEEP will be a very welcome and beneficial service to all members. Please distribute this circular and announcements to the appropriate staff.

After you have had an opportunity to review the attached announcement, please contact us if you have any questions.

ACCCT ANNOUNCES RELEASE OF
BEEP – Web Based
January 23, 2004

INTRODUCTION

ACCCT is pleased to announce the release of its new web-based Bureau Entry & Edit Package (BEEP), which was specifically designed for the effective entry and electronic submission of unit statistical information. This software product is also designed to work with ACCCT's Compensation Data Exchange (CDX) application, which was announced earlier.

ACCCT's new web-based BEEP provides all of the functionality found in BEEP 2.5 such as:

➢ Initial Validation Edits at the entry workstation

➢ Bundling of finished, validated reports into an electronic submission file for transmission to a Data Collection Organization (DCO)

➢ Handling of ASWG and pre-ASWG statistical reports as well as California expanded ASWG statistical reports

Some additional benefits of web-based BEEP are:

➢ Insurers are able to use the most current version of BEEP without having to download and install newly released versions.

➢ Submissions sent to a DCO through BEEP/CDX will be available for the DCO to process the same day it is sent, resulting in faster processing.

BEEP software provides member insurers with the functions outlined above for submission to virtually any state except for monopolistic jurisdictions. BEEP gives insurers the ability to perform initial validation of USR data for electronic filing with the jurisdiction. BEEP also allows for data developed by the insurer's own computer system to be imported and error-checked using those same data filing requirements.

BEEP provides extensive validation of unit statistical data in each of the jurisdictions with ACCCT BEEP project members. Jurisdictions include:

Workers' Compensation Insurance Rating Bureau of California, Delaware Compensation Rating Bureau, Inc., Workers' Compensation Rating and Inspection Bureau of Massachusetts, Compensation Advisory Organization of Michigan, Minnesota Workers' Compensation Insurers Association, Inc., New York Compensation Insurance Rating Board, North Carolina Rate Bureau, Pennsylvania Compensation Rating Bureau, Wisconsin Compensation Rating Bureau. Insurance Services Office is also a member of the ACCCT BEEP project.

In all other non-monopolistic jurisdictions, BEEP will allow carriers to compile unit statistical data, but with fewer validation checks than are available for ACCCT member jurisdictions.

This new ACCCT software application is available at no additional charge to current DCO member insurers in good standing.

HOW TO GET STARTED

Access to web-based BEEP is provided through ACCCT's CDX system. ACCCT has established a *Central Administrator* to process all applications and establish accounts for all member insurers who desire to use the CDX system. You may contact the Central Administrator or the ACCCT representative(s) at the appropriate DCO(s) as shown below for additional information or to receive an application.

The detailed descriptions and instructions pertaining to the use of BEEP are included in the BEEP User's Guide, which can be found on the ACCCT Web site at https://www.accct.org/default.asp.

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