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GENERAL CIRCULAR LETTER 523—AUGUST 1, 2008

TO: Members of the Bureau

FROM: Elizabeth Rohde and Sara Shackelford

RE: New State Premium Record Instruction and Data Element

SPECIAL ATTENTION: POLICY REPORTING PERSONNEL

The Workers Compensation Insurance Organizations (WCIO) has announced a change to the policy reporting standard WCPOLS.

The WCIO Bulletin providing background information and full details of the change is attached to this circular.

The State Premium Record has been updated to add a new field named Experience Modification Effective Date. Carriers will be able to report a modification with an effective date other than the policy effective date or the anniversary rating date.

The Experience Modification Effective Date is applicable in Wisconsin. We will begin looking for proper completion of this field in October of 2009. This will allow eighteen months for your programming. If you choose to provide this prior to then, please contact us for testing instructions.

Questions regarding this WCPOLS change should be directed to Elizabeth Rohde, Industry Support Specialist at 262-796-4551, betty.rohde@wcrb.org or Sara Shackelford, Policy Processing Development Coordinator at 262-796-4547, sara.shackelford@wcrb.org.

WCIO Bulletin

WCIO - WCPOLS IMPORTANT NOTICE

Date: July 30, 2008

To: All Holders of Workers Compensation Data Specifications Manual

Re: New State Premium Record Instruction and Data Element

The WCIO (Workers Compensation Insurance Organizations) is a voluntary association of statutorily authorized or licensed rating, advisory, or data service organizations that collect workers compensation insurance information in one or more states. The WCIO has developed standards for the electronic transmission of information between insurers and rating/advisory organizations. These specifications are available for policy information, unit statistical reporting, experience modifications, detailed claim information, and individual case reports.

WCIO/EDI Committee made a change to the instructions, and added a new field named Experience Modification Effective Date to the State Premium Record (04) in WCPOLS.

Background

Several jurisdictions require experience modifications to be reported with a date other than the effective date of the policy or the anniversary date. There are instances where an insurer must report a modification with an effective date equal to the date a policy is endorsed. Generally, this is due to the late release and application of a modification. There was no field specifically established to provide this information.

Action

Please pay special attention to the added instructions and new field added to the State Premium Record found in WCPOLS. Data Collection Organizations (DCOs) requiring the new field will release circulars to advise you of filing and timing information.

Conclusion

This change comes as a result of careful evaluation and input from DCOs and data providers. Please contact the individual DCO with regard to any state specific questions relating to these changes.

Sincerely,

WCIO EDI Committee