



## **CIRCULAR LETTER 673 - June 3, 2024**

TO: Carrier Members

FROM: Bernard Rosauer

RE: Medical Data Call - Provider Identification Number, Provider Postal (Zip) Code Reporting Requirement Changes, and New Provider Postal (ZIP+4) Code Field

WCRB Membership,

The Workers Compensation Insurance Organization's (WCIO) Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) Committee approved the following WCMED data reporting specification changes.

- Provider Identification Number (Field 23, positions 256-270)—revising reporting requirements identifying the National Provider Identification (NPI) Number as the required code for reporting.
- Provider Postal (ZIP) Code (Field 24, positions 271-273)—revising reporting requirements indicating that the 3-digit Provider Postal (ZIP) Code may be reported but is not required if the new Provider Postal (ZIP+4) Code (Field 29) is reported.
- Provider Postal (ZIP+4) Code (Field 29, positions 315–323)—adding a new field to specification that accommodates a 9-byte zip code for providers.

What you need to know:

- 1) The WCRB is adopting these changes.
- 2) WCRB will introduce new edits to support these specification updates.
- 3) Carriers deemed required to report Medical Data to WCRB should apply these changes to the Fourth Quarter 2024 data that is due to WCRB by the end of First Quarter 2025.
- 4) Carriers should not submit production data with this specification change prior to 1/1/2025.
- 5) WCRB will accept test files containing this specification change on or after 10/1/2024.

If you have any questions regarding this change, please contact [medical.data@wcrb.org](mailto:medical.data@wcrb.org) for assistance.