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CIRCULAR LETTER #2009

To: All Bureau Members

Re: New Jersey Workers' Compensation Medical Data Call

Background

As first announced in [Circular Letter #1779](#), New Jersey has been collecting detailed workers' compensation medical data since 2010 through the Medical Data Call (MDC) program formulated and operated by the National Council on Compensation Insurance (NCCI). This data has been used to assist in legislative pricing, research efforts and other business needs.

The Governing Committee of NJCRIB has authorized the Rating Bureau to begin collecting the medical data for New Jersey in place of the NCCI. This implementation will be consistent with existing NCCI specifications.

As with the Indemnity Data Call (IDC), data and file transmissions will be tested and approved before production data can be submitted. It is expected that this will be completed for most carriers by July 1, 2022. However, the Bureau has included an additional, six-month window to allow those carriers needing extra time to migrate and test the new file transmission procedures. In order to ensure an accurate and smooth transition, carriers must continue to report New Jersey MDC data to the NCCI through the end of the Fourth Quarter 2022 for Third Quarter 2022 data.

New Jersey Medical Data Call Reporting Criteria and Applicability

New Jersey is maintaining the same criteria regarding carrier participation in the MDC as it currently does for the IDC. Specifically, member groups with total standard premium volume of 1% or more of the statewide total (based on the latest New Jersey Mid-Year Report of Premiums) are required to participate in the MDC for New Jersey.

When, Where and How to Report the New Jersey Medical Data Call

Member carriers must report New Jersey medical data to the Rating Bureau via the Compensation Data Exchange ("CDX") website, Secure File Transfer Protocol (SFTP) or as a web upload through www.njcrib.com. The reporting of MDC data directly to New Jersey begins with medical claim activity in the Second Quarter 2022, with the first data due to the Rating Bureau by the end of the Third Quarter 2022.

What's Next

On or about July 1, 2021 the Rating Bureau will email all member carrier groups that meet the reporting eligibility criteria in order to identify who will be the primary MDC contact in New Jersey. Responses are due no later than July 30, 2021.

During the Third Quarter 2021, the Rating Bureau will publish the New Jersey Medical Data Call Implementation Guide at www.njcrib.com. This guide will include reporting requirements, record layouts, edit processes and other helpful information. The New Jersey MDC will utilize the same file format and layout as the NCCI. The list of data elements and the record layouts (both published by the NCCI) will be available on our web site.

If you have any business-related questions about the New Jersey Medical Data Call, please contact Terry Huang at thuang@njcrib.com. Contact Michael Mihalik at MDC_IDC@njcrib.com with any technical questions.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Paul G. Witko". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Paul" being the most prominent.

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