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Administrative Simplification for Workers' Compensation Claims

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- Workers' compensation has a diversity in state laws relevant to medical service delivery and payment
- Workers' compensation is very different than health insurance
- Critical difference is the need for free and immediate sharing of medical information
 - HIPAA privacy requirements would be seriously harmful



Supporting Electronic Standards

- The IAIABC has worked for more than 20 years to develop electronic standards for reports to state regulators
- Challenge in developing nationwide standard with diversity of state laws
- IAIABC EDI first and subsequent reports of injury are widely used for most states and payers
- We strongly support standardized EDI as a means of improving efficiency state systems

- EDI for provider medical billing and payment had great appeal for all WC systems
- State of Texas took the lead in developing an ebilling system
- IAIABC members worked within X12 structure to create a model ebilling system for WC

- IAIABC has memorandum of understanding with other standards development organizations
- Also working with other organizations
 - National Association of Insurance Commissions
 - American Medical Association
 - American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine



Electronic Billing Accomplishments

- Electronic bills and acknowledgments are now possible for workers' compensation
- For the vast majority of situations, ebills can be processed just like health claims
 - A few state specific codes and rules apply

- IAIABC committed to work with other organizations to harmonize workers' compensation with national EDI standards
- Some health transactions do not apply to WC
 - Helping X12 to reflect these differences in national standards
- IAIABC is working with members to implement ebilling nationwide
 - As uniformly as possible