

IDAPA 17 – INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

17.01.01 – ADMINISTRATIVE RULES UNDER THE WORKER'S COMPENSATION LAW

DOCKET NO. 17-0101-2202

NOTICE OF RULEMAKING – TEMPORARY AND PROPOSED RULE

EFFECTIVE DATE: The effective date of the temporary rule is August 3, 2022.

AUTHORITY: In compliance with Sections 67-5221(1) and 67-5226, Idaho Code, notice is hereby given that this agency has adopted a temporary rule, and proposed rulemaking procedures have been initiated. The action is authorized pursuant to Section(s) 72-301, 72-301A, 72-304, 72-327, 72-432, 72-508, 72-528, 72-602, 72-803, and 72-806, Idaho Code.

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE: Public hearing(s) concerning this rulemaking will be scheduled if requested in writing by twenty-five (25) persons, a political subdivision, or an agency, not later than September 21, 2022.

The hearing site(s) will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Requests for accommodation must be made not later than five (5) days prior to the hearing, to the agency address below.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: The following is the required finding and concise statement of its supporting reasons for adopting a temporary rule and a nontechnical explanation of the substance and purpose of the proposed rulemaking: The Commission wishes to implement an update to the electronic claim reporting standard as a more efficient alternative to the maintenance of paper claims. The implementation date is coordinated with the Commission's broader systems modernization effort.

TEMPORARY RULE JUSTIFICATION: Pursuant to Section(s) 67-5226(1)(c), Idaho Code, the Governor has found that temporary adoption of the rule is appropriate for the following reasons: The rule would confer a benefit by revising the implementation date of the proposed update of the electronic claim reporting standard to September 14, 2023.

FEE SUMMARY: The following is a specific description of the fee or charge imposed or increased: There is no fee imposed or increased by this rulemaking.

FISCAL IMPACT: The following is a specific description, if applicable, of any negative fiscal impact on the state general fund greater than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) during the fiscal year: This rulemaking is not anticipated to have any fiscal impact on the state general fund.

NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING: Pursuant to Section 67-5220(2), Idaho Code, negotiated rulemaking was not conducted because this temporary rule is simply revising the implementation date of the planned update of the electronic claim reporting standard to September 14, 2023.

ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS: For assistance on technical questions concerning the temporary and proposed rule, contact Kamerron Slay, 208-334-6017 or kamerron.slay@iic.idaho.gov

Anyone may submit written comments regarding the proposed rulemaking. All written comments must be directed to the undersigned and must be delivered on or before September 28, 2022.

DATED this 3rd day of August, 2022.

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**THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEMPORARY RULE AND THE PROPOSED TEXT
OF DOCKET NO. 17-0101-2202
(Only Those Sections With Amendments Are Shown.)**

002. WRITTEN INTERPRETATIONS.

The Industrial Commission uses the following guidelines for implementing the EDI reporting requirements set out in this Chapter: (3-23-22)

01. EDI Guide and Tables. The Idaho Industrial Commission Claims EDI Implementation Guide and Trading Partner Tables ("EDI Guide and Tables"). The Idaho Industrial Commission Claims EDI Implementation Guide and Trading Partner Tables are available on the Commission's website at <https://iic.idaho.gov/>. (3-23-22)

02. EDI Implementation Guide. International Association of Industrial Accidents Boards and Commissions (IAIABC) EDI Claims Release 3.0 or, after ~~December 1, 2022~~ September 14, 2023, Release 3.1, Implementation Guide ("EDI Implementation Guide"). The IAIABC Claims Release 3.0 and Release 3.1 Implementation Guides are available at the IAIABC website at <https://www.iaiacb.org>. ~~(3-23-22)~~ (8-3-22)T

(BREAK IN CONTINUITY OF SECTIONS)

601. SUBMISSION OF FROI AND SROI.

01. Purpose. Pursuant to Sections 72-602(1)-(2), Idaho Code, employers must submit a FROI and/or SROI in accordance with these rules. (3-23-22)

02. EDI Reporting. The Commission requires electronic submission of FROIs and SROIs in accordance with the most current versions of the IAIABC EDI Claims Release 3.0, or release 3.1 after ~~December 1, 2022~~ September 14, 2023, and the Commission's EDI Guides and Tables from any employer not otherwise exempt by these rules. Each FROI and SROI must comply with formatting requirements and must contain the information identified as mandatory or mandatory conditional, as applicable. ~~(3-23-22)~~ (8-3-22)T

03. Trading Partner Agreements. Before commencing with electronic reporting, Trading Partners shall electronically submit a Trading Partner Agreement with the Commission, which the Commission must approve prior to submitting reports. This agreement must provide the effective date to send and receive electronic reports, the acceptable data to be sent and received, the method of transmission to be used, and other pertinent elements. This agreement will identify the insurance carrier, the Claims Administrator, the sender of the electronic files, and the electronic filing method. To ensure the accuracy of reported data, the Trading Partner must maintain their profile to reflect changes as they occur and the Commission may make periodic audits of Trading Partner files. In the event that a Trading Partner Agreement is entered into by a Claims Administrator, notice to the Trading Partner of a FROI shall be deemed to be notice to the underlying insurance carrier or self-insured employer. (3-23-22)

04. Report Form and Content for Parties Exempt from EDI Requirements. (3-23-22)

a. Individual injured workers, injured worker's legal counsel, and employers that are not insured are not required to comply with EDI requirements for FROIs and SROIs. (3-23-22)

b. Parties exempt from EDI requirements must submit FROIs on a form 1A-1 and SROIs on a form IC-8, or in a format substantially similar. Both forms are available on the Commission's website. (3-23-22)

05. Retaining Claims Files. Upon request of the Commission, insurance carriers, Claims Administrators, or employers shall provide to the Commission, in whole or in part according to the request, a copy of

the claim file at no cost to the Commission. All insurance carriers, Claims Administrators, or employers shall retain complete copies of claims files for the life of the Claim and a minimum of five (5) years from the date of closure. (3-23-22)

06. Filing Not an Admission. Filing a FROI is not an admission of liability and is not conclusive evidence of any fact stated therein. If a Claim is submitted electronically, no signatures are required. (3-23-22)

07. Filing Considered Authorization. Filing of a Claim shall be considered an authorization for the release of medical records that are relevant to or bearing upon the particular injury or occupational disease for which the Claimant is seeking compensation. (3-23-22)

08. Timely Response Requirement. When the Commission requests additional information in order to process the Claim, the Claimant or employer shall provide the requested information promptly. The Commission request may be either in writing or telephonic. (3-23-22)

602. FINAL REPORTS.

01. Report Requirements. An electronic filing of the Final Report as prescribed by Commission EDI requirements shall be filed for all indemnity claims or any claims resolved by lump sum settlement within thirty (30) days from the date the surety or self-insured employer closes the claim file. In the case of medical-only claims, no Final Report need be filed. For death claims and permanent total disability claims, Annual Reports shall be filed within the first quarter of each calendar year. A Final Report shall be filed within thirty (30) days from the date the surety or self-insured employer closes the death or permanent total disability claim file. In the event the Commission is unable to reconcile the Annual Report or Final Report, a request for additional information may be made, either in writing or telephonically, and the surety or self-insured employer shall submit the requested information within fifteen (15) working days of the request. If the surety or self-insured employer is unable to furnish the requested information, the surety or self-insured employer shall notify the Commission, in writing, of its inability to respond and the reasons therefor within fifteen (15) workings days of the request. (3-23-22)

02. Format. The required format for Final Reports is contingent on the claim file date: (3-23-22)

a. Final Reports for legacy claims filed on paper or via EDI Claims 1.0 prior to November 4, 2017, shall be submitted in a format substantially similar to IC Form 6, available on the Commission's website, or EDI Claims Release 3.1 after ~~December 1, 2022~~ September 14, 2023. ~~(3-23-22)~~ (8-3-22)T

b. Final Reports for legacy claims filed via EDI Claims 3.0 shall be submitted electronically via EDI Claims 3.0, or EDI Claims 3.1 after ~~December 1, 2022~~ September 14, 2023. ~~(3-23-22)~~ (8-3-22)T

03. Change in Status of Employer. In case of any default by the Employer or in the event the Employer shall fail to pay any final award or awards, by reason of insolvency or because a receiver has been appointed, the receiver or successor shall continue to report to the Commission, including the submission of Annual Reports, Final Reports and schedules of outstanding awards. (3-23-22)