

**Electronic Medical Bill Sub-workgroup for Workers
Compensation, Auto and Other Property Casualty**

WG/SWG Topic(s):	Electronic Medical Bill (eBill) Sub-workgroup for Workers' Compensation, Auto and Other Property and Casualty (P&C) This sub-workgroup (SWG) was introduced at the WEDI Annual Conference in May 2008. The SWG will be made up of representatives from the following; jurisdictional workers' compensation regulators, providers, payers and their eBill agents, clearinghouses and software vendors.
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WG/SWG Scope of Work

What is in scope? Provide the topic and definition of the topic.	The purpose of this group is to collaborate with the Workers' Compensation Industry through the IAIABC and jurisdictional workers' compensation regulators, auto and other property and casualty (P&C) insurers and organizations to review and propose implementation strategies and solutions to meet the requirements of the Jurisdictions as regulations are passed regarding EDI. The goal is to work toward a national implementation that facilitates successful role out within the framework of the HIPAA Transactions and Code Sets where possible while clearly documenting the workers' compensation, auto and other P&C exceptions, and to reduce the impact to providers, vendors, payers and their eBill agents.
Identify any assumptions	This group may work as long as it takes to complete the white paper documentation to provide a roadmap to standardize the national Electronic Medical Billing and Payment (eBill) and other mandated transactions using the EDI implementation guidelines.
What is out of scope?	The use of paper forms will be considered only to the extent that it affects electronic - implementation. State Reporting requirements are not in the scope of this sub-workgroup with the exception of determining the data requirements in the eBill. The activities around determining the compensability of the eBill will not be within the scope of this sub-workgroup,

WG/SWG Purpose

What is the primary goal?	The goal of this sub-workgroup is to create a white paper to guide new implementers of Workers' Compensation, Auto and other P&C eBill transactions in managing their implementations and addressing issues as they arise.
What business problem will be minimized or resolved by this workgroup?	The white paper(s) that this workgroup generates will act as a guide for new workers' compensation, auto and other P&C eBill implementers and for addressing problems that are encountered by existing trading partners.
Stakeholders	Jurisdictional workers' compensation regulators, Health Care Providers, Clearinghouses, Payers and their eBill agents, and software vendors who currently are, or planning to engage in the exchange of Workers' Compensation, Auto and other P&C eBill transactions.
Describe the central problem this project will attempt to resolve. What are some of the symptoms of this problem? Are there any corollary problems?	Currently Workers' Compensation, Auto and other P&C bills and payments are mainly paper based and are expensive to process. Although the EDI standards have been in place for years, the implementation of electronic medical bills and payments has only recently been mandated to convert from paper bills to EDI in order to eliminate the data entry errors, payment delays and processing costs. Without a national EDI P&C approach, these bills will remain a fragmented, inefficient and costly process.
Are there other regulatory or contractual obligations that might affect how this project is implemented?	The IAIABC and other industry associations will develop memorandums of understanding (MOU) to guide the SWG in determining the roles and responsibilities. The SWG will also work with jurisdictional workers' compensation regulators as regulations are passed regarding eBill.

Objectives / Measures of Success / Deliverables
(template allows for 3 projects for a specific WG/SWG)

Project #1 Title:	Implementation Issues Whitepaper(s)
What outcomes do you expect to achieve? Will there be a phased in approach?	The SWG will complete the creation of white paper(s) that will address the issues and data requirements needed for implementation of Workers' Compensation, Auto and other P&C mandated transactions. These papers will provide guidance to implementers of eBills and other electronic transactions. The SWG will determine the appropriate topics for paper(s) and the priority in which they will be published.
What is the ideal outcome?	Jurisdictional workers' compensation regulators and other P&C stakeholders will adopt the national approach outlined in the white paper(s), thus promoting a national implementation.
What is an acceptable outcome?	The white paper(s) will provide guidance at a national level for Workers' Compensation, Auto and other P&C to use as they address implementation in their prospective states.
How would you define success for this workgroup?	Publication of the white paper(s) and recommendations adopted as best practices as States go forward with eBill transactions.
What are the potential business impacts if the solution(s) is not implemented?	Without a national approach to Workers' Compensation, Auto and other P&C eBills, each state may define different requirements making it difficult and costly for stakeholders to implement nationally.
What are the current deliverables or outcomes that are expected and the completion dates for each deliverable?	Whitepaper(s) that will: 1) Identify and document the data requirements for Workers' Compensation, Auto and other P&C eBilling and work with the standards organizations to meet these requirements as necessary. 2) Identify and document issues surrounding the implementation of Workers' Compensation, Auto and other P&C eBilling in the states that have passed laws to provide guidance to other states as they go forward with eBill transactions.
How much time or resources need to be committed to complete deliverables?	The work will be done by the sub-workgroup. The time needed will be dependent on the membership and number of states that mandate eBills during the documentation of the issues and data requirements.
Environmental Factors / Support Needs	
Are there other individuals/entities/work groups that need to provide input?	The International Association of Industrial Accident Boards and Commissions (IAIABC), Jurisdictional workers' compensation regulators, the TX and CA Regional SNIP SeBIN, MN Administrative Uniformity Committee, other P&C associations, and other standards development organizations (SDOs) as needed.
What tools does the workgroup need to acquire to ensure this project is successful?	WEDI HIPAA Issues Database to record and track implementation issues and listserv for communications within the SWG.
Do you need additional administrative support?	Not at this time, however, once the various tasks are identified and task groups set up, additional conference calls may be required. The education and outreach goals will include audio casts and breakout sessions as applicable.
Do you need additional project management support?	No
Do you need additional communication support?	Not at this time.
Additional Comments or Concerns	