



## Government Affairs Alert

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### **Texas Revises Paper Pharmacy Billing Rules/DWC-66 Pharmacy Billing Form**

On February 18, 2011, the Texas Division of Workers' Compensation adopted approved changes to existing pharmacy paper billing rules, which included adoption of a revised DWC-66 paper pharmacy billing form. This revised and adopted billing form is set to take effect for claims on or after August 1, 2011, and specifically accommodates utilization of NPI's and implementation of the pending pharmacy Closed Formulary.

According to the Texas paper billing rules, utilization of alternative approved paper billing forms in lieu of the DWC-66 is acceptable as long as all data elements present on the existing DWC-66 are captured. In the adoption bulletin the Texas Division of Workers' Compensation states that as of August 1, 2011, any bill submitted on the old form **may** be returned as an incomplete bill by the payor.

Specific revisions contained in the new DWC-66 form include:

- Form Box 3: Old Form = Pharmacy NCPDP Number/New Form = Pharmacy NPI #
- Form Box 10(a): Old Form = Injured Employee's ID Number/New Form = Injured Employee's Social Security Number
  - Removes box 10(b) and 10(c)
- Form Box 13: Old Form = Claim Number/New Form = Prescribing Doctor Info
- Form Box 14: Old Form = Carrier Claim Number/Prescribing Doctor NPI Number
- Form Box 15: Old Form Previously Not Used/New Form = Insurance Carrier Claim Number
- Form Box 16: Old Form Previously Not Used/New Form = TDI-DWC Claim Number
- Form Box 30: Old Form Previously Not Used/New Form = Preauthorization Number for Closed Formulary

Workers' compensation stakeholders should engage in efforts to ensure all billing systems and procedures are compliant with the revised rule and adopted DWC-66 form. Failure to do so could result in rejection of bills after August 1, 2011. When using an alternative form, providers and processors must make certain the alternative form properly captures all data elements required by DWC-66 in order for the alternative billing form or format to be considered a complete bill. Additionally, providers and processors must ensure compliance with Texas revisions to paper billing rules when using the new DWC-66 form or an alternative form, as elements provided and captured on all paper bills are subsequently utilized for Texas State Reporting and EDI compliance.



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Texas is currently developing similar changes to the existing eBilling rules for the same purpose and we expect those to be adopted and published shortly.

Additional information regarding this adopted rule change can be found at the following sites.

**New DWC-66 Form:**

<http://www.tdi.state.tx.us/forms/dwc/dwcc066pharm.pdf>

**Adopted Rule:**

<http://www.tdi.state.tx.us/wc/rules/adopted/index.html>

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