



**THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION
RATING AND INSPECTION BUREAU**

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To All Members and Subscribers of the Bureau:

**NEW REPORTING REQUIREMENTS (INITIAL REPORTING IN 2011)
NCCI'S REDESIGNED DETAILED CLAIM INFORMATION REPORTING PROGRAM
REQUIREMENTS FOR MASSACHUSETTS**

(Action Needed)

In October of 2008, WCRIBMA Circular Letter No. 2106 announced the elimination of Individual Case Reports (ICRs). As part of the filing approval process, the Massachusetts Division of Insurance ("DOI") mandated that the WCRIBMA collect certain data elements relating to death and permanent total claims from all Massachusetts carriers. The National Council on Compensation Insurance Inc.'s ("NCCI") Redesigned Detailed Claim Information Reporting Program ("Redesigned DCI Program") was identified as the best alternative for the reporting of these data elements.

Ordinarily the Redesigned DCI Program has eligibility requirements based on market shares that result in certain smaller carriers being exempt from the reporting requirements detailed in the Redesigned DCI Program. This was problematic from the DOI's perspective because the WCRIBMA would not have complete claims data for all death and permanent total claims if ICRs were eliminated and the Redesigned DCI Program were adopted without some modification. The WCRIBMA's Governing Committee chose to modify the Redesigned DCI Program eligibility requirements (as they apply to Massachusetts) such that all Massachusetts workers' compensation carriers would be required to report data under the Redesigned DCI Program. This modification addressed the DOI's concerns and precipitated the eventual DOI approval to eliminate ICRs.

Therefore, all carriers who have written workers' compensation premiums in Massachusetts that result in lost time claims which are reported to the carrier on or after September 1, 2009 will be subject to the reporting requirements of the Redesigned DCI Program, regardless of their market share in Massachusetts.

The WCRIBMA has entered into an agreement with NCCI whereby NCCI will collect the Redesigned DCI Program data on behalf of the WCRIBMA. For more specific information about the Redesigned DCI Program, please visit the NCCI web site at:

<https://www.ncci.com/nccimain/DataReporting/DetailedClaimInformation/Pages/RedesignedDCIProgram-0409.aspx>

NCCI has developed the ***Detailed Claim Information Reporting Guidebook*** which can be accessed through NCCI's web site. If your organization is affiliated with NCCI currently, you should be able to access the ***Detailed Claim Information Reporting Guidebook*** at the following link:

<https://www.ncci.com/onlinemanuals/default.aspx?ManualTitle=dciusersguide&ManualURL=%2fmanuals%2fDCIUsersGuide%2fDCIUsersGuide.htm>

If your organization is not affiliated with NCCI, you must first register with NCCI before gaining access to the ***Detailed Claim Information Reporting Guidebook***. To register, please contact NCCI using the following link:

https://www.ncci.com/NCCIMain/Pages/Framework.aspx?articleUrl=/ncci/scripts/forms/email_cs.asp

As part of your preparation for the Redesigned DCI Program, the WCRIBMA strongly suggests that you review the following:

<https://www.ncci.com/documents/DRW-09-DCI-Redesigned.pdf>

<https://www.ncci.com/documents/DCI-Readiness-Assessment.pdf>

Additionally, the WCRIBMA will be contacting carriers directly to gather contact information for the person within your organization who will be responsible for the data submitted in accordance with the Redesigned DCI Program.

If you have any questions about the Redesigned DCI Program that are specific to its application in Massachusetts, please contact Rob McCarthy at rmccarthy@wcribma.org. If you have general questions about the Redesigned DCI Program, please contact NCCI's Customer Service Center via email at Customer_Service@NCCI.com or via phone at (800)622-4123.

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