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To The Members of the Board

**Re: New York Workers Compensation
Medical Data Call**

This bulletin contains advance information regarding the New York Compensation Insurance Rating Board (Rating Board) plan to collect detailed medical data.

The Rating Board has received authorization from its Board of Governors to begin collecting detailed medical data. Medical data at a more refined level than is currently available is necessary in order to improve the ongoing evaluation of the 2007 reforms, to provide valuable information relative to medical cost containment mechanisms, and to support research into the underlying drivers of medical costs in workers compensation. The need for such data has been recognized by the Rating Board, its members and the New York State Insurance Department.

The National Council on Compensation Insurance, Inc. (NCCI) has, through an extended and rigorous process, established a structure and a process for the reporting and collection of medical detail information. That process has been accepted by carriers for use in NCCI states and is being implemented in those states. The NCCI refers to the collection of this medical detail as the Medical Data Call. The NCCI has shared the formats, timelines and related information for the Medical Data Call with all independent bureaus including the Rating Board.

The Rating Board believes, and the Board of Governors has specifically concurred, that using and conforming as much as possible to the NCCI standards for the collection of this medical data will be the most beneficial and effective means of expanding our information base to include detailed medical information.

The Rating Board is in the process of evaluating ways to collect such data. Rating Board members should be prepared to begin reporting the required data for medical transactions that occur in the 3rd quarter of 2010 (i.e., between July 1, 2010 through September 30, 2010). These transactions should be reported by the end of the following quarter (i.e. December 31, 2010).

For information on the structure of the call, the required data elements, and other relevant information, please refer to the NCCI's Medical Data Call Reporting Guidebook, which can be found at:

<https://www.ncci.com/documents/MedicalDataCallReportingGuidebook.pdf>

In addition, note that NCCI is planning workshops and forums on Medical Data reporting in January and February of 2009. Information on these events can be found at:

<https://www.ncci.com/NCCIMain/Events/NCCIEvents/Pages/default.aspx>

The Rating Board will provide additional information to its members once the details of the reporting process are finalized.

Very truly yours,

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