

SIEDRS Q&A

What does “SIEDRS” stand for, and how is it pronounced?

- SIEDRS is the Self Insurance Electronic Data Reporting System.
- It rhymes with “spiders.”

What is SIEDRS, and why is it being created?

- SIEDRS is a new L&I computer system that will collect claim data electronically from self-insurers, and publish summary reports.
- SIEDRS was developed in response to a request by the Washington Self-Insurers’ Association. The 2005 Legislature passed a bill mandating the creation of SIEDRS by L&I and the participation of all Washington self-insured employers by July 1, 2008.

What benefits will SIEDRS provide for self-insurers?

- Self-insurers will be able to compare the performance data they maintain against the aggregate performance of the Washington State self-insured community.
- SIEDRS will enhance L&I’s ability to answer questions about self-insured claims.

How do I participate?

- Self-insurers will need to provide claim data to SIEDRS, electronically, at least once a month. This will require some computer programming, and possibly some changes to data entered on new claims.
- The SIEDRS Enrollment Package fully describes participation requirements, and is available by e-mailing siedrs@lni.wa.gov.

Are the SIEDRS data elements the same as those we send to the IAIABC?

No. The list of data elements for SIEDRS has been determined by:

1. SIEDRS reports. Certain elements are required for the quarterly reports requested by self-insured community representatives.
2. L&I system and business requirements. Data submitted to SIEDRS will reside in L&I operational systems and must meet certain requirements. For example, certain elements are required to establish a claim.
3. The intent to minimize the number of required elements. This will minimize the amount of system work that has to be done by submitters and L&I.

Will SIEDRS eliminate or replace any current reporting requirements?

No, SIEDRS will not replace any existing processes relating to claim adjudication or reporting requirements. Self-insurers will continue to send all claim paperwork to L&I.

Is XML format a strict requirement?

Yes. To minimize cost and complexity, L&I had to establish one standard file format. L&I considers XML to be the industry standard for sharing data.

What are the basic steps for SIEDRS preparation?

Please refer to the SIEDRS Enrollment Package for details on the following.

1. Determine the data elements you must begin to capture for each new claim. Your system probably captures most required elements already. Review the Data Dictionary section of the SIEDRS Enrollment Package to determine the elements you need to add.
2. Modify your data input screens to capture new elements. See the Data Dictionary for edit rules.
3. As needed, modify your system to report paid to date amounts. In some cases, you may want to create and store new elements rather than calculate these amounts every time you extract data for SIEDRS.
4. Create an extract program(s). This program would read the SIEDRS elements in your system, reformat and map as needed, and write an XML file. It would also make sure that only required updates are sent to SIEDRS.
5. Determine how you want to post and retrieve. Transferring files to SIEDRS, and retrieving error reports and files from SIEDRS, can be done manually at a specified Internet location. You can also automate this process.
6. Plan for error correction. SIEDRS will provide error reports in a standard format. It will also provide files with raw error data for those who want to create their own report or otherwise process the error data.

What is the SIEDRS project status?

SIEDRS began accepting production data from self-insurers on April 1, 2007.

What will happen on June 29, 2007?

The SIEDRS development project will end, and there will be fewer resources dedicated to SIEDRS support. This will reduce our capacity to assist you with system preparation and make changes that you might request.

What will happen on July 1, 2008?

SIEDRS participation will be mandatory for all self-insurers. You must complete system preparations and testing before that date.