

## **Time Is Running Out for Registration and Testing for the New Electronic Data Interchange**

If you are a self-insured business in Washington State, or a third-party administrator, medical-bill-review company, and/or an EDI vendor, and you haven't registered to submit data through the new Medical Bill Electronic Data Interchange (EDI), please do so right away.

The Medical Bill EDI is part of the Self-Insurance Risk Analysis System (SIRAS) project — in which Washington's self-insured community has made a significant investment. To make sure the new EDI works as designed, it's critical for employers and their data submitters to register and tell us when you can be ready to submit test data.

The Washington Self-Insurer's Association has been working closely with the Department of Labor & Industries (L&I) on this project. Both organizations look forward to the continued partnership and success of this project.

### **Timing**

Here's what we're trying to achieve:

- ▶ By February 1 — 100% of trading partners are registered with ISO.
- ▶ By March 1 — 100% of data submitters provide information on testing readiness.

### **Am I a Trading Partner?**

Yes. A Trading Partner is anyone that owns data or that will submit it through the EDI — the self-insured employer, third-party administrator, medical-bill-review company, and/or an EDI vendor.

### **How to register as a Trading Partner**

Go to [Washington L&I Medical Bill EDI](#). Click on the link for Trading Partners and complete the online form. ISO also provides a registration manual with detailed instructions.

### **Why the hurry?**

To date, only about half of employers or their data submitters have registered with ISO, our third-party vendor on the project. Some of the registered groups have estimated testing readiness — but not enough to provide the variety of data submissions needed for testing.

Our aim is for the system to be fully ready prior to June 30, the end of the project period. To do this, we need to complete testing so that any bugs identified can be corrected during the project period. It's essential that our existing project team familiar with the system is available to address any issues.

### **Is data reporting through SIRAS required?**

Yes, your participation is required. Because this is a collaborative process with our Washington self-insurance community, no penalties have been set for non-reporting or inaccurate submission of data. L&I staff will monitor the situation and determine if rules and penalties are needed.

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### Questions?

Registration Contact your ISO Support Team by email at [walniedi@iso.com](mailto:walniedi@iso.com).

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