



## NYCIRB

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Re: Change in the Collection Method of New York Medical Transactional Data

Members of the Rating Board:

I write to inform you that as of April 1, 2019, the Rating Board will collect New York Medical Transactional Data directly from its member insurers and will no longer utilize the National Council on Compensation Insurance, Inc. ("NCCI") as its medical data collection vendor. The Rating Board's growing reliance on medical data for research and reporting on the New York State marketplace has made it increasingly important for the Rating Board to control the collection of medical data and has made this change necessary.

Accordingly, as detailed herein, as of April 1, 2019, all member insurers participating in the New York Medical Data Call are required to report their New York State medical data (i.e., transactions with jurisdiction state code 31) directly to the Rating Board instead of reporting it to NCCI.

### **Applicability**

Participation in the New York Medical Data Call is mandatory for both (a) member insurer groups and (b) individual member insurers not affiliated with an insurer group, whose market share of the total New York State direct net written premium is equal to or greater than 0.5% in any of the most recent three calendar years. Calendar year statutory page 14 direct net written premium information will be used to determine market share.

Participation in the New York Medical Data Call is voluntary for member insurer groups and individual member insurers not affiliated with an insurer group who do not meet the above-described market share threshold.

### **File Format and File Submission**

Beginning on April 1, 2019, member insurers will submit New York Medical Data to the Rating Board via the Compensation Data Exchange ("CDX") website, which is a data submission application that is shared and maintained by the independent rating bureaus.

New York Medical Data submissions will utilize the WCMED file format, which is the same standardized flat-file format that is currently being used for submissions to NCCI. Further, the



New York Medical Data Call will contain the same 28 data elements as the current NCCI Medical Data Call. Accordingly, there will be no change to the current reporting layout.

Generally, there will be no changes to the reporting rules for New York Medical Data. For example, as is the case currently, medical transactions will be required to be reported for 30 years following the claim accident date. Further, New York Medical Data may be submitted on a monthly or quarterly basis and the deadline for reporting a transaction will be the last day of the calendar quarter subsequent to the date of the transaction (*e.g.*, a transaction that occurred on February 1, 2019, which is within the first quarter of 2019, must be reported by June 30, 2019 – the last day of the second quarter of 2019).

While member insurers may designate a third-party to submit data on its behalf, member insurers are nevertheless responsible for data quality.

### **Next Steps**

If you believe that your member insurer group or company will either (a) be required to participate in the New York Medical Data Call on April 1, 2019; or (b) volunteer to participate in the New York Medical Data Call, please provide the Rating Board with the contact information of your organization's primary medical data contact by sending an email to [mdc@nycirb.org](mailto:mdc@nycirb.org), with the pertinent information in the message, no later than close of business, Wednesday, February 28, 2018.

The Rating Board will contact all member insurer groups and individual member insurers who will be required to participate in the New York Medical Data Call no later than March 30, 2018, to confirm participation and provide further information.

Further, the Rating Board will distribute the New York Medical Data Call Implementation Guide and Manual to participating insurers via email no later than April 30, 2018. The Implementation Guide and Manual will also be posted to the Rating Board's website ([www.nycirb.org](http://www.nycirb.org)) and will contain the detailed reporting layout, general rules, participation requirements and business exclusions, reporting frequencies and responsibilities, editing strategy, as well as other essential information.

Finally, the Rating Board will ask participating member insurers to participate in testing and optional reporting of the New York Medical Data Call during the first quarter of 2019.



Should you have any immediate questions or concerns, please contact Brett King at (212) 697-3535 ext. 119 or [bking@nycirb.org](mailto:bking@nycirb.org).

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "JA", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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