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**To: Insurance Carriers and Self-Insured Employers**  
**From: Judy Norman Nunnery, Division Administrator**  
**Subject: Changes to Medical Report Requirements**

**Purpose:** To provide information on planning for changes to the requirements for Medical reports

**Background:** The Division has empirical and anecdotal data that support the need to revise Wis. Admin. Code section 80.02(2)(e) which relates, in part, to submitting a supplementary report for final payment of compensation and a final medical report. The numerical data strongly suggest that the time required for a medical practitioner to send a medical report to an insurer is not in alignment with the requirement of the Code, as historically interpreted by the Division. Anecdotally, several groups have informed us that the requirements for submitting medical reports are confusing; difficult to implement; and, in some instances, contrary to best practices in claims handling.

Based on these data, the Division will be recommending changes to the Code. The intent of the changes will be to adequately address the Division's statutory monitoring needs while adhering to the realities inherent in claims handling. In addition, changes will be made to the WKC-13 and , possibly, the WKC-12 to reflect changes that will be made to the code.

**Action Requested:** The Division has established a Technical Review Group comprised of internal staff as a beginning point to review and make preliminary recommendations to the WCAC and insurers for changes to the Code and associated forms. The current plan is to share the preliminary recommendations developed by the group with selected insurers/self-insured employers to obtain comments and additional input. The recommendations will be revised based on input and developed into appropriate language for inclusion in the Code and on forms.

**Inquiries:** . As the Division moves forward with this plan, we will solicit your input and apprise you of all pertinent developments. If you have questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at (608) 266-6841 or e-mail me at [normanju@dwd.state.wi.us](mailto:normanju@dwd.state.wi.us)

**Enclosures:** None

**References:**