

News from the SIRAS project: Next Steps for Employers

In the next few weeks, we'll be sending you the Federal Employer Insurance Number (FEIN) we currently have on record for you. This is the FEIN with which you were certified to self-insure your workers' compensation in Washington. You will need this number — or the entity submitting data on your behalf will need it — to submit data through the Medical Bill Electronic Data Interchange (EDI).

As a reminder, the Medical Bill EDI is one of the three deliverables for the Self-Insurance Risk Analysis System (SIRAS) project. The project's other two parts are a customer service/complaint system and a Risk Analytics system.

More about your Certified Insurer FEIN

The Certified Insurer FEIN identifies the individual self-insurer for whom data is being submitted. The requirement that each data submittal include the FEIN is part of the national standard for [International Association of Industrial Accident Boards and Commissions, or IAIABC](#)

To prepare for your data submissions, Labor & Industries must first confirm your “certified” Insurer FEIN.

Watch for L&I's email about your Certified Insurer FEIN — Coming soon

We already have a FEIN on file for each self-insurer. Around the second week of August, each self-insurer will receive an e-mail from CertificationSvcs@Lni.wa.gov with the Secure Message registration to access the certified FEIN. The e-mail will include instructions on how to either validate or correct the FEIN in our records.

Once you validate your Certified Insurer FEIN with L&I, you are responsible for getting the FEIN to your *submitter* of medical bill data.

Registering as a Trading Partner — August

To submit data to the Medical Bill EDI, each entity must register as a Trading Partner with ISO, our third-party vendor for SIRAS. Trading Partners can be the self-insured employer, third-party administrator, medical bill review company, and/or an EDI vendor.

In August, we will communicate in more detail about how to register as a Trading Partner. To register as a Trading Partner, you will need the self-insured employer's Certified Insurer FEIN.

It is important to note that regardless of who submits the data, the self-insured employer is ultimately responsible for ensuring compliance with the Washington Medical Bill EDI.

On track for implementation in late 2016

We are on schedule to have the Medical Bill EDI system in place and ready for testing in late 2016 and voluntary reporting early 2017. Mandatory reporting will begin July 2017.

Questions?

If you have any questions related to Medical Bill EDI, or would like to give feedback on the requirements, please visit [Washington L&I EDI](#) or email walniedi@iso.com.