

## **News from the SIRAS project: Trading Partner registration is now available**

To submit data to the Medical Bill Electronic Data Interchange (EDI), you must first register as a Trading Partner with ISO, our third-party vendor for the Self-Insurance Risk Analysis System (SIRAS).<sup>1</sup> It's time to register.

### **Who can be a Trading Partner?**

The self-insured employer, third-party administrator, medical bill-review company, and/or an EDI vendor can all be trading partners. A self-insured employer can have a single trading partner or multiple trading partners submitting data on their behalf. For example, one trading partner might submit professional services bills while another one submits pharmaceutical bills.

To show you how information might flow between your organization, trading partners, and ISO, we have attached a document describing examples. The [Medical Bill EDI Flows](#) can also be found at the [Washington L&I EDI](#) webpage under Implementation Info. For help assessing the flow of your own information, contact ISO at [walniedi@iso.com](mailto:walniedi@iso.com).

We encourage Trading Partners to register with ISO as soon as possible. You do not need to be ready to test in order to register. The Trading Partner registration provides ISO with your contact information. It is important for ISO to have this information so they can keep you informed and work with you throughout the preparation process.

### **What you need to register**

To register as a Trading Partner, you will need to have the certified Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) of the self-insured employer(s) for whom you are planning to submit data. The Department of Labor & Industries (L&I) has worked with self-insured employers to verify their certified FEINs. This number will identify the employer in the Medical Bill EDI submissions.

If you haven't received the Insurer FEIN from the employer, contact them directly to get the number.

### **Registration to submit data**

To register as a Trading Partner, go to [Washington L&I EDI](#). Click on the link for [Trading Partners](#) and complete the online registration form. ISO also provides a [registration manual](#) with detailed instructions.

The registration process may take up to 48 hours. Once ISO has approved your registration, you will receive an email notification.

Trading Partners can register for multiple self-insured employers on the same form. Registrations can also be updated later if a Trading Partner develops a new business relationship with a self-insured employer or third-party administrator. For help, contact ISO at [walniedi@iso.com](mailto:walniedi@iso.com).

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<sup>1</sup> The Medical Bill EDI is one of the three deliverables for the SIRAS project. The project's other two parts are a customer service/complaint system and a Risk Analytics system.

### We encourage you to participate in testing

Testing will play a vital part in a smooth implementation of the Medical Bill EDI. All trading Partners should test their ability to submit data to ISO.

### On track for implementation

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?

To get more information, give feedback on the requirements or ask questions related to the Medical Bill EDI implementation, please visit [Washington L&I EDI](#) or email [walniedi@iso.com](mailto:walniedi@iso.com).