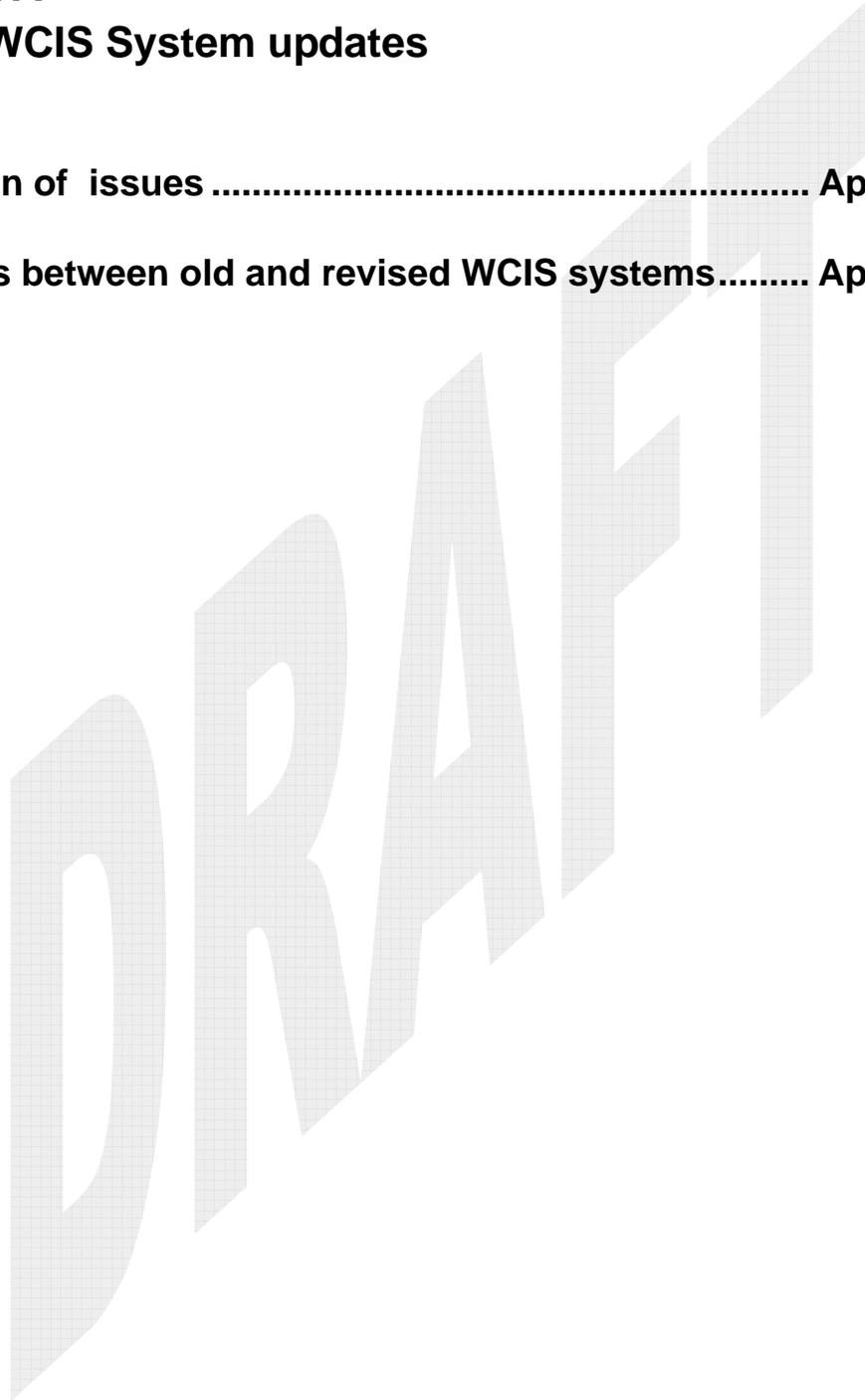


Appendix A

Revised WCIS System updates

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Clarification of issues:

1. The Payment/Adjustment Paid to Date (DN86) refers to the cumulative paid-to-date amount of the benefit over the life of the claim, including any and all previous calendar years.
2. The revised version of WCIS will continue to accept multiple MTCs for the same claim in the same batch file.
3. **MTC DATE:** For most transactions, the IAIABC defines the MTC date as the date the “transaction was moved to the transmission queue or flagged for transmission”, except for the following MTCs:
 - a. **CO** – MTC date of the Original Transaction being corrected that contained non-critical error(s).
 - b. **AP** – Issue date of a check sent as the initial indemnity benefit payment after acquiring the claim.
 - c. **CA** – Date the change in Payment/Adjustment amount was effective.
 - d. **IP** – Issue date of check sent as the initial indemnity benefit payment..
 - e. **P1 through PJ** – The last date through which indemnity benefits are due.
 - f. **PY** – Issue date of payment.
 - g. **RB** – Issue date of the check reinstating indemnity benefits.
 - h. **S1 through SJ** – The last date through which indemnity benefits are due.

Differences Between Old and Revised Version of WCIS:

1. The **Jurisdiction Claim Number** or **JCN** (DN05) has been increased from 12 digits to **22 digits**. The IAIABC rules allow a JCN of 25 characters.
2. The new system will continue to process all older claims submitted and processed prior to the switchover with the original 12 digit JCNs.
3. **Future Payment/Adjustment Start and End Dates** (DN88 and DN89) will be accepted. The edit for error message #37, "**Must be <= MTC Date**", has been removed for DN88 and DN89.
4. **FROI Cancel** (MTC=01) will be accepted after a SROI transaction has been accepted. This process cancels the entire claim, including all FROI and SROI transactions. Even though the IAIABC Release 1 format has no SROI Cancel, this will perform that function. In addition, a 01 Cancel will be able to follow a 04 Denial, as documented in the EDI Guide.
5. **The Release 2 transaction format will no longer be accepted.**
6. **MTC dates** (DN3) must be <= current system date.
7. **IP**: Only one "IP" transaction is allowed for each claim. Since a new benefit can be opened with a "CB" transaction, there is no need to report more than one "IP".
8. **Error Messages**: The February 15, 2002 revised edition of the IAIABC Edit Matrix error messages (Section 3) has been incorporated in the revised WCIS system.
http://www.iaiaabc.org/EDI/Release1/Release_1_Guide_2_15_02.pdf
9. **M/S**: The following Mandatory/Serious (M/S) data elements, if sent with an invalid or blank USPS Postal Code or an invalid or blank date will result in a "TE" acknowledgement.
 - a. DN23-Employer Postal Code
 - b. DN33-Postal Code of Injury Site
 - c. DN41-Date Reported to Claim Administrator
 - d. DN72-Date of Return/Release to Work (Note: for MTC=RE only)
10. **M/F**: DN14-Claim Administrator Postal Code is now a Mandatory/Fatal (M/F) data element; an invalid or blank USPS Postal Code will result in a "TR" acknowledgement.
11. **C/S**: The following Conditional/Serious (C/S) data element, if sent with an invalid or blank date, will result in a TE acknowledgement.

- a. DN72-Current Return to Work Date (Note: For MTCs = S1 or P1 only).
12. **CD**: The MTC “Compensatory Death” (CD) will automatically close all open BENs.
13. **RB**: A suspension type MTC, such as S1 or P1, or an equivalent MTC, such as UR or CB, must precede an RB, which can open a new benefit or reopen an old one. An RB following an IP will no longer be accepted. This is consistent with the IAIABC Guide.
14. **AN/FN**: Must report all previously reported indemnity and non-indemnity benefits. If any of these benefits are missing, the transaction will be rejected. The AN/FN cannot report any new indemnity benefits but can report new non-indemnity benefits. On FN, all previously reported indemnity benefits must be suspended first.

An AN cannot be used to close claims with indemnity benefits. The proper transaction is an FN, as explained in e-News 7:

<http://www.dir.ca.gov/DWC/WCISenews/WCISen7.htm>

15. **AN/FN/SROI 04**: Must contain some type of indemnity or non-indemnity payment information.