



**Bureau of Workers'
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Dear Employer:

In 2007, Congress approved Section 111 of the Medicare, Medicaid and SCHIP Extension Act (P.L. 110-173), which set mandatory reporting requirements for group and non-group health plan arrangements. This includes self-insurance, no-fault insurance and workers' compensation plans. We last reminded you of these requirements in March 2009 and are doing so again to ensure you are aware of your need to comply with them.

The federal requirements included in the Act affect BWC and all Ohio employers that pay workers' compensation medical benefits. Our records show you presently are, or once were, an active self-insuring employer paying benefits to injured workers. Therefore, you must meet the requirements outlined in the Act.

BWC will report all claims of Medicare beneficiaries paid by the State Insurance Fund and the Marine Industrial and Pneumoconiosis funds. However, the Act also requires all self-insuring employers – past and present – that are not in default to file their own claims.

The following are some of the known requirements of the Act:

- Register with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS);
- Begin reporting claims to CMS during the quarter beginning Jan. 1, 2011, and send quarterly updates, thereafter;
- Continue to file reports electronically in the format dictated by CMS and include minimum data requirements.

We encourage you to become familiar with this federally-mandated requirement, and to make sure you are compliant. **The penalty for non-compliance is \$1,000 per claim per day.**

Information is available at the CMS Web site, www.cms.hhs.gov/mandatoryinsrep.

Sincerely,

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