



## ASC X12 Collaborates with IAIABC to Extend EDI Standards to Comply with Workers' Comp E-Billing & Payment Mandates

[ASC X12 continues to cultivate its partnership with the International Association of Industrial Accident Boards & Commissions \(IAIABC\)](#), an association of government agencies and organizations that tackle workers' compensation issues. Representatives of the two organizations recently clarified existing EDI standards to address state laws requiring the electronic exchange of medical bill transactions between health care providers and workers' compensation insurance payers.

ASC X12 and IAIABC extended existing X12 EDI standards, such as the 837 Health Care Claim, by leveraging providers' current standard and software investments resulting in minimal, but effective, impact to the workers' compensation community. ASC X12 and IAIABC also ensured that the resulting EDI solution is in line with the X12 implementation guides mandated by the Administrative Simplification provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996. While workers' compensation is exempt from HIPAA regulations, the alignment between the X12 standards and workers' compensation requirements will ensure that users only need to support a single standard rather than multiple systems for medical billing and reporting.

It is important to note that state laws may be permissive on which health providers are to use electronic billing, but will require virtually all bill payers (insurers, self insured, or third party administrators) to accept electronic bill submissions. An efficient, universal standard will save payers untold dollars in technology development. At the same time, such systems will speed payment and improve data quality.

Effective January 1, 2008, Texas implemented a new law that streamlines medical billing and payment processes. Workers' compensation insurance carriers and health care providers are now required to exchange medical bill transactions electronically. California is preparing its rules for payers to accept e-billing transactions, giving providers the option to submit their bills electronically, and expects to implement them later this year. Other states are looking to follow suit shortly via pending legislation. While ASC X12 and IAIABC recognize that they made significant progress to establish the initial set of workers' compensation EDI requirements, both organizations understand that creating a national standard in preparation for forthcoming state mandates will require additional analysis and fine-tuning. The IAIABC Provider-to-Payer workgroup is building on Texas' and California's work, and will continue to collect jurisdictional workers' compensation requirements. ASC X12 will provide the technical expertise to support the IAIABC's workers' compensation business requirements.

"The successful collaborative work of ASC X12 and IAIABC provide an easy to use EDI solution that addresses diverse business requirements and government mandates," said ASC X12 Insurance Subcommittee Chair Alexandra Goss of Payformance Corporation. "We look forward to continuing a productive and fruitful relationship with IAIABC as more states mandate workers compensation e-billing and payment."

"It is exciting to work with ASC X12 to advance the development of a national e-billing standard," remarked Faith Howe, IAIABC EDI Manager. "This is a huge step that will benefit workers' compensation system stakeholders while keeping in tune with the established standards for general health care billing. ASC X12's welcome, cooperation, and support have been great, and we're happy to be working with them."

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## DISA Announces New Director of Marketing and Communications

The Data Interchange Standards Association (DISA), a not-for-profit organization that supports the development of cross-industry e-business interchange standards, has hired Patrice Scheyer as the Director of Marketing and Communications.

Ms. Scheyer will develop DISA's mission to expand and implement highly strategic programs and activities that foster the growth of standards used for business-to-business data exchange. She is responsible for managing the development and implementation of dynamic marketing programs, event and service promotions and for creating content to enhance DISA's brand and communications strategies.

"Patrice's experience building brands across vertical markets and driving revenue and growth for non-profit organizations make her an outstanding addition to DISA and a valuable resource to our members," said Jerry Connors, DISA President and CEO. "She has the demonstrated business leadership and skills needed to develop the essential role industry groups play in advancing e-commerce standards."

Prior to joining DISA, Ms. Scheyer served as Senior Manager, Creative Strategies and Programs, for the Consumer Electronics Association (CEA) and was responsible for strategic marketing, partnerships and logistics for the International CES, an event representing 96 percent of the consumer electronics industry's \$146 billion buying power. She also held marketing and membership positions at the International Communications Industries Association (ICIA)/Infocomm International and World Learning's International Education and Exchange Program. Ms. Scheyer's work was recognized with high honors from the American Marketing Association and the International Association for Exposition Executives (IAEE).

"I am very pleased to join DISA in its efforts to promote the vital importance of standards and compliance programs," said Ms. Scheyer. "I look forward to executing a comprehensive marketing and communications plan that illustrates DISA's contributions to driving global e-business."

Fluent in Spanish, she holds Bachelor of Arts degrees in Literature and Rhetoric and also Spanish from the State University of New York at Binghamton and studied English literature at the University of London, King's College.

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