

## February 2022 New York State Workers' Compensation Industry Updates

### Medical Billing Reform

- As of 11/1/21 Workers' Compensation Carriers and Third Party Administrators were mandated to have the capability to accept electronically submitted medical billings from providers.
  - Medical providers are not yet required to submit all billings in this format.
- NCAComp has partnered with Data Dimensions to accomplish this mandate. All NCA accounts are now compliant with the mandate of the Workers' Compensation Board.

### Workers' Compensation Board Web System Reform

- The Workers' Compensation Board has announced that a staged introduction of a new iteration of their web system will begin in 2022, this reform will replace many aspects of their current system. Currently the phases of this reform are:
  - Phase One: Drug formulary portal reform – March 7, 2022
  - Phase Two: Durable medical equipment authorization request reform – April 4, 2022
  - Phase Three: Medical treatment request reform (MG2/C4 Authorization – May 2, 2022

### Drug Formulary

- On December 5, 2019 the Workers' Compensation Board implemented a drug formulary to assist in regulating ongoing and new prescriptions. The implementation of the formulary was to be phased with full implementation original planned for June 1, 2020.
- Phase 1 impacted new prescriptions only and was implemented on December 5, 2019 however phase 2 has yet to be implemented due to pandemic related delays.
- Phase 2 implementation is set for March 7, 2022 and will be rolled out in conjunction with the Workers' Compensation Board's new online information system, Onboard, which will replace many aspects of their current website.

*Please contact Erin Jordan at 716-362-6493, or your NCA Account Representative if you would like to discuss the impact of these changes on your claims in more detail.*