

Reporting UCWCP claims

What is the Union Construction Worker's Compensation Program (UCWCP)?

UCWCP is an alternative workers' compensation system established by Minnesota Statutes section 176.1812, Collective bargaining agreements, and has been in effect since July 1, 1997. The program is specific to certain union employers and has a proscribed mission:

1. eliminates the adversarial culture of workers' compensation;
2. resources for best-in-class medical and rehabilitation providers;
3. ensures payment of appropriate benefits;
4. creates a prompt and safe return to work; and
5. reduces the costs of workers' compensation insurance.

My company handles UCWCP claims. How are UCWCP claims reported?

Starting Feb. 10, 2023, UCWCP claims are reported via electronic data interchange (EDI) with a specific data number, called DN0438 – Collective Bargaining Agreement code. Work Comp Campus previously used a process where managed care organization (MCO) codes were reported, but that process did not work.

What are the technical considerations to report the UCWCP code?

The first report of injury (FROI) EDI transaction reports the DN0438 – Collective Bargaining Agreement code. Claim administrators must ensure DN0438 only reports "Y" (for yes) when the claim is covered by UCWCP. DN0438 should never report "Y" for any other type of claim. Non-UCWCP claims can report "N" (for no) or even "U" (for unknown) instead. Claims established before Feb. 9, 2023, will need to be amended by a FROI change (02) transaction to add DN0438 with code "Y" to establish UCWCP claims.