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**Administrative Bulletin 10-15  
114.5 CMR 21.00 – Health Care Claims Data Submission**

The purpose of this Administrative Bulletin is to notify private health care payers of several changes to the claims data reporting requirements under 114.5 CMR 21.00.

The regulation requires private health care payers to submit Medical Claims and Encounter Data for "all Massachusetts resident members, and all members of a Massachusetts employer group including those who reside outside of Massachusetts." The Division will not require payers submitting claims and encounter data on behalf of an employer group to submit claims data for employees who reside outside of Massachusetts, unless the payer is required by contract with the Group Insurance Commission to submit paid claims and encounter data for all Group Insurance Commission members, including those who reside outside of Massachusetts.

The regulation also requires private health care payers to submit member eligibility data, including the self-reported race, ethnicity and language of each member. The Division will impose the following standards to determine compliance with the requirement to report race, ethnicity and language data:

- For data submitted from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011, each payer must report the required race, ethnicity and language data for at least 3% of the unique members represented in the member eligibility file during the calendar year;
- For data submitted from January 1, 2012, through December 31, 2012 each payer must report the required race, ethnicity and language data for at least 5% of the unique members represented in the member eligibility file during the calendar year.

The Division will notify payers by administrative bulletin of any further changes to the data submission requirements.