

§ 58-3-171. Uniform claim forms.

(a) All claims submitted by health care providers to health benefit plans shall be submitted on a uniform form or format that shall be developed by the Department and approved by the Commissioner. Additional information beyond that contained on the uniform form or format may be collected subject to rules adopted by the Commissioner. This section applies to the submission of claims in writing and by electronic means.

(b) After consultation with the North Carolina Industrial Commission, the Commissioner may include workers' compensation insurance policies as "health benefit plans" for the purpose of administering the provisions of this section.

(c) For purposes of this section, "health benefit plans" means accident and health insurance policies or certificates; nonprofit hospital or medical service corporation contracts; health maintenance organization (HMO) subscriber contracts and other plans provided by managed-care organizations; plans provided by a MEWA or plans provided by other benefit arrangements, to the extent permitted by ERISA; the State Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees and any optional plans or programs operating under Part 2 of Article 3 of Chapter 135 of the General Statutes; and medical payment coverages under homeowners and automobile insurance policies. (1993, c. 529, s. 4.2; 2007-298, s. 8.2; 2007-323, s. 28.22A(o); 2007-345, s. 12.)