AGENDA

1 Amendment to §21-a & Subject Number 046-1787

2 Maintaining Denials on Acquired Claims

3 Table changes published on 01/09/2026

4 Questions

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- New legislation signed as part of the FY 2026 Budget amends § 21-a of the Workers' Compensation Law to permit workers' compensation insurers to pay for medical treatment, without accepting liability, for up to one year, beginning January 1, 2027.

- The amendment requires insurers to notify injured workers that such payments are being made and that their claim will automatically be accepted by the insurer at the one-year mark, unless the claim is controverted.

- The Board published table changes on 1/9/2026. Payers should review the eClaims Trading Partner table changes posted on the Board's eClaims webpage and update their systems accordingly.

- Please refer to Subject Number 046-1787 https://www.wcb.ny.gov/content/main/SubjectNos/sn046_1787.jsp

21-a AMENDMENT TESTING

- Given the scope of the changes, we will allow for a period where trading partners can test prior to the 1/1/2027 implementation.

- Additional information will be shared as it becomes available.

Maintaining Denials on Acquired Claims

AQ- Acquiring Denied Claims

- Severity ranking for DN0075 Agreement to Compensate Code changed from MC to AR. Change Log items #437-438.

- When a payer is acquiring a claim and wishes to maintain a denial already in on effect, the payer should file the FROI-AQ with DN0074 Claim Type Code and DN0075 Agreement to Compensate null (blank).

DN0075 (Agreement to Compensate Code)	Changed the severity ranking for DN0075 (Agreement to Compensate Code) on AQ from MC to AR. Business Need: Based on feedback, claim administrator can file an AQ without accepting the claim if they wish to maintain the denial.	1/9/2026	1/1/2027
DN0075 (Agreement to Compensate Code)	Removed AQ from the FROI conditional requirement on DN0075 Agreement to Compensate Code. Business Need: See Change Log Item 411	1/9/2026	1/1/2027

TABLE CHANGES PUBLISHED ON 1/09/2026

RELAXED AND MODIFIED POPULATION RESTRICTIONS PUBLISHED 01/9/2026 TO BE IMPLEMENTED ON 1/1/2027

- Numerous population restrictions were modified and published on the eClaims change log to be implemented on 1/1/2027.

- These changes align with the Amendments to Workers' Compensation Law Section 21-a Effective January 1, 2027.

- Payers should review the eClaims change log, items 414-416, 422-424, 427-431, 434-44 and 447-450 posted on the Board's eClaims webpage and update their systems accordingly.

- Questions regarding these edits may be sent to eClaims@wcb.ny.gov.

Change Log Item 425 and 426 – DN0068-064F

Removed old population restriction DN0068-064F and replaced with new population restriction DN0068-064F.

425	Edit Matrix-Population Restrictions	DN0068 (Initial RTW Date)	Removed old Population Restriction DN0068-064F) Business Need: Based on feedback, 02's were being rejected for missing a current date disability began where there may have been no return to work following the initial disability start date.	1/9/2026	1/9/2026
426	Edit Matrix-Population Restrictions	DN0068 (Initial RTW Date)	Added a New Population Restriction replacing the old DN0068-064 F) which was removed. See Change log item #425. F) Claim Type Code cannot be 'M' (Medical Only) if DN0068 (Initial Return to Work Date) is equal to or greater than seven days of DN0056 (Initial Date Disability Began). This applies to all dates of accident effective 1/1/2027. If DN0074 (Claim Type Code) is "M" (Medical Only) and DN0056 (Initial Date Disability Began) has a latest value that is not null or blank and DN0068 (Initial RTW Date) is either blank or has a value greater than DN0056 (Initial Date Disability Began) by 7 or more days then DN0074 (Claim Type Code) must be included in the Change Variable Segment. Business Need: To align with 21a for medical effective 1/1/2027.	1/9/2026	1/1/2027

CHANGE LOG ITEM 423- NEW EDITS AND POPULATION RESTRICTIONS PUBLISHED ON 1/9/2026 TO BE IMPLEMENTED ON 1/1/2027

Several new edits and population restrictions were published on the eClaims change log on 1/9/2026 to align with the Amendments to Workers' Compensation Law Section 21-a effective January 1, 2027.

Change Log item 423:

| 423 | Edit Matrix-Population Restrictions | DN0056 (Initial Date Disability Began) | H) Claim Type Code cannot be 'M' (Medical Only) if DN0068 (Initial Return to Work Date) is equal to or greater than seven days of DN0056 (Initial Date Disability Began). This applies to all dates of accident effective 1/1/2027.

If DN0074 (Claim Type Code) is 'M" (Medical Only) and DN0056 (Initial Date Disability Began) has a latest value that is not null or blank and DN0068 (Initial RTW Date) is either blank or has a value greater than DN0056 (Initial Date Disability Began) by 7 or more days then DN0074 (Claim Type Code) must be included in the Change Variable Segment.

Business Need: To align with 21a for medical effective 1/1/2027. | 1/9/2026 | 1/1/2027 |

Change Log Item 432-433:

432	Edit Matrix-Population Restrictions	Added a New Population Restriction UNU074-064 NJ NJ Claim Type Code cannot be M (Medical Only) if DN0056 (Initial Date Disability Began) is not null or blank and DN0068 (Initial RTW Date) is blank or has a value greater than DN0056 (Initial Date Disability Began) by 7 or more days. This edit is effective 1/1/2027 and applies to dates of accident on or after 1/1/2027. EXCEPTION: If Initial Date Disability Began is present and Initial RTW Date is blank then the FROI receive date will be used to determine if there is more than 7 days of lost time. Business Need: To align with 21a for medical effective 1/1/2027. Business Need: To align with 21a for medical effective 1/1/2027.	1/9/2026	1/1/2027
433	Edit Matrix-Population Restrictions	Added a New Population Restriction DN0075-059 If last accepted Agreement to Compensate code on the case was L (With Liability for Indemnity/Medical) then Agreement to Compensate must be L (with Liability for Indemnity/Medical). This edit is effective 1/1/2027 and applies to dates of accidents on or after 1/1/2027.	1/9/2026	1/1/2027

Change Log Item 445-446:

445	Edit Matrix- Population Restrictions	DN0075 (Agreement to Compensate Code)	L) If date of accident is on or after 1/1/2027 and 365 days has passed from the received date of the first FROI or SROI with Agreement to Compensate code of W (without liability for indemnity and medical) then Agreement to Compensate Code must be L (with liability for indemnity and medical). This edit is effective 1/1/2027 and applies to dates of accidents on or after 1/1/2027. Exception: Effective 1/1/2027 this edit will not be applied if DN0059 (Manual Classification Code) has been accepted as 7711 or 7370. Business Need: To align with 21a for medical effective 1/1/2027.	1/9/2026	1/1/2027
446	Edit Matrix- Population Restrictions	DN0075 (Agreement to Compensate Code)	Added a New Population Restriction DN0075-064 M) M) If DN0075 (Agreement to compensate code) is present and latest value of DN0074 (Claim Type Code) is N (Notification only) Then DN0074 (claim type code) must be included in the change variable segment with a value other then N (notification only). Business Need: To align with 21a for medical effective 1/1/2027.	1/9/2026	1/1/2027

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