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ATTENTION: DATA TRANSMISSION PERSONNEL

GENERAL CIRCULAR 468 – SEPTEMBER 29, 2004

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BUREAU:

RE: Electronic Data Transmission – Discontinued Support Announcement

Effective **January 1, 2005**, WCRB will discontinue support for the following electronic data transmission media:

- 3480/3490 tape cartridges
- Nine-track tape reels
- Floppy disks
- E-mail submissions

At that time, WCRB will ask our members to utilize the Carrier Data Exchange (CDX) system (see General Circular 441, dated October 31, 2003) when submitting WCPOLS and WCSTAT files.

The decision to discontinue support for the above mentioned data transmission media was based on the following:

- 3480/3490 tape cartridges & nine track tape reels are becoming obsolete.
- Inability to find reasonable technical support for the 3480/3490 tape cartridges & nine track tape reels.
- The implementation of CDX in the later part of 2003. The CDX system has many features and advantages, some of which are:
 - The delivery of data with the ability to track transmissions.
 - A Web-based Bureau Entry and Edit Package (BEEP).
 - A Web-based Policy Entry and Edit Package (PEEP).
 - Flexibility for sending and receiving data in various formats.
 - Centralized location for all submissions.
 - Multiple sources of support. CDX was designed/created in conjunction with several DCOs and partners.
 - There is no cost for DCO member insurers in good standing.

To get information regarding CDX account activation, go to the “Introduction” section of the CDX user guide at www.acct.org.

If you are unsure if an account has already been created for your carrier/carrier group, please contact Miguel Garcia at 262-796-4403, or via e-mail at miguel.garcia@wcrb.org.