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**RE: 2021 Medical Data Report – Minnesota  
Opioid Utilization Supplement – Minnesota**

The Minnesota Workers' Compensation Insurers Association, Inc. (MWCIA) is sharing the 2021 Medical Data Report and the Opioid Utilization Supplement for the state of Minnesota. These reports have been compiled by the National Council on Compensation Insurance to provide insight into the medical cost drivers that impact the workers' compensation system in Minnesota. The reports are accessible under the Carriers menu below the State of the Market item.

The NCCI's Medical Data Call (MDC) serves as the source of the metrics displayed in the report. The MDC solicits detailed workers' compensation medical information from insurance carriers in states where the NCCI has ratemaking jurisdiction and serves as the collecting agency for Minnesota as well. The data contained in the reports represents medical transactions for Service Year 2020 (medical services provided from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020), except where otherwise noted. This data set consists of more than 63,600 claims, representing 1.13 million transactions, \$234 million in medical payments and 96% of insurance carrier statewide written premium in 2020. Please note that insurer-only data are reflected.

The Medical Data Report illustrates the breakdown of services by category as follows:

- Physician
- Hospital Outpatient
- Hospital Inpatient
- Ambulatory Surgical Centers
- Drugs
- Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS)
- Other

The Opioid Utilization Supplement Report includes sections on:

- Prescription Drug Statistics
- Opioid Claim Statistics
- Concurrent Use of Opioids and Benzodiazepines
- Changes in Opioid Prescribing Patterns
- Morphine Milligram Equivalents
- Claim Distribution by Claim Maturity
- Diagnosis Group and Body System Opioid Claim Experience

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