

CMS Registration and Account Setup

Overview

The registration process requires RRE's to provide notification to the COBC of their intent to report data to comply with the requirements of Section 111 of the MMSEA. Registration *by the RRE* is required and must be completed before testing between the RRE (or its agent) and the COBC can begin. Through the registration process, the COBC will obtain the information needed to:

- Validate information provided by the RRE registrant
- Assign a Section 111 Reporter ID to each RRE
- Develop a Section 111 reporting profile for each entity including estimates of the volume and type of data to be exchanged for planning purposes
- Assign a production live date and ongoing file submission for planning purposes
- Establish the necessary file transfer mechanisms
- Assign a COBC Electronic Data Interchange Representative (EDI Rep) to each entity to assist with ongoing communication and data exchange and
- Assign Login IDs to individual user's associates with each RRE account.

Section 111 Liability, No-Fault and Workers' Compensation RREs will register on the COB Secure website (COBSW) from May 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009 using a new, interactive, web portal designed for this purpose. The website URL is www.Section111.cms.hhs.gov.

Registration and Account Setup Process

Section 111 Registration and account set up is a five step process.

Step 1: Identify an Authorized Representative, Account Manager and other COBSW Users

Each RRE must assign or name an Authorized Representative. This is the individual in the RRE organization who has the legal authority to bind the organization to a contract and the terms of the MMSEA Section 111 requirements and processing. The Authorized Representative has ultimate accountability for the RRE's compliance with Section 111 reporting requirements.

The Authorized Representative:

- Cannot be a user of the COBSW.
- Cannot be an agent of the RRE.

- May perform the initial registration on the COBSW, but will not be provided with a Login ID.
- Will designate the Account Manager.
- Must approve the account setup, by physically signing the profile report including the Data Use Agreement, and returning it to the COBC.
- Will be the recipient of COBC notifications related to non-compliance with Section 111 reporting requirements.

Each RRE must assign or name an Account Manager. Each RRE ID can have only one Account Manager. This is the individual who controls the administration of an RRE's account and manages the overall reporting process. The Account Manager may be an RRE employee or agent. The Account Manager may choose to manage the entire account and data file exchange, or may invite other company employees or data processing agents to assist:

The Account Manager:

- Must register on the COBSW, obtain a Login ID and complete the account setup tasks.
- Can be associated with another reporting entity (RRE ID) if they receive the authorized PIN from the COBC mailing. This would occur when a reporting entity has multiple subsidiaries who will report separately for MMSEA Section 111 or when the entity chooses to name an agent as its Account Manager.
- Can invite other users to register on the COBSW and function as Account Designees.
- Can manage the RRE's profile including selection of a file transfer method.
- Can upload and download files to the COBSW if the RRE has specified HTTPS as the file transfer method.
- Can use his/her Login ID and Password to transmit files if the RRE has specified SFTP as the file transfer method.
- Can review file transmission history.
- Can review file-processing status and file statistics.
- Can remove an Account Designee's association to an account.
- Can change the account contact information (e.g. address, phone, etc.)
- Can change his/her personal information.
- Cannot be an Authorized Representative or Account Designee for the same RRE ID.

At the RRE's discretion, the Account Manager may designate other individuals to register as users of the COBSW associated with the RRE's account known as Account Designees. Account Designees assist the Account Manager with the reporting process. Account Designees may be RRE employees or agents. There is no limit to the number of Account Designees associated with one RRE ID.

The Account Designee:

- Must register on the COBSW and obtain a Login ID.
- Can be associated with multiple RRE accounts, but only by an Account Manager invitation for each RRE ID.
- Can upload and download files to the COBSW if the RRE has specified HTTPS as the file transfer method.
- Can use his/her Login ID and password to transmit files if the RRE has specified SFTP as the file transfer method.
- Can review file transmission history.
- Can review file-processing statuses and file statistics.
- Can change his/her personal information.
- Cannot be an Authorized Representative or Account Manager for the same RRE ID.
- Cannot invite other users to the account.
- Cannot update account information.

Note: Each user of the Section 111 application on the COBSW will have only one Login ID and password. With that login and password, you may be associated with multiple RRE IDs (RRE accounts). With one Login ID, you may be an Account Manager for one RRE ID and an Account Designee for another. In other words, the role you play on the COBSW is by RRE ID.

Step 2: Determine Reporting Structure

Before beginning the registration process, an RRE must also determine how the RRE will submit its Section 111 files to the COBC and how many Section 111 Reporter IDs (RRE IDs) will be needed. Only one Claim Input File may be submitted on a quarterly basis for each RRE ID. Due to corporate organization, claim system structures and agents that may be used for file submission; you may want to submit more than one Claim Input File to the COBC on a quarterly basis and therefore will need more than one RRE ID in order to do so.

For example, if an RRE will use one agent to submit workers' compensation claims and another agent to submit liability and no-fault claims, the RRE must register on the COBSW twice and obtain two RRE IDs that will be used by each agent respectively. You may name the same Authorized Representative and Account Manager for both accounts or use different individuals. Likewise, if you have two or more subsidiary companies that combine the claim files for Section 111 reporting, you must register for each claim file submission to obtain separate RRE IDs in order to submit multiple claim files in one quarter.

You may **not** set up a separate RRE ID for submission of the Query Input File only. You **must** submit a quarterly Claim Input File for every RRE ID you establish.

Step 3: RRE Registration on the COBSW

A company representative for the RRE must go to the Section 111 COBSW URL (www.Section111.cms.hhs.gov), click on the “New Registration” button, complete and submit the registration for the RRE. This step must be completed by the RRE, not an agent for the RRE.

The application will require that you submit:

- A Federal Tax Identification Number (TIN) for the RRE
- Company name and address
- Company authorized representative contact information including name, job title, address, phone and e-mail address
- National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) company codes, if applicable
- Reporter Type – Select the Liability Insurance (Including Self-Insurance) No-Fault Insurance/Workers’ Compensation option **not** GHP
- Subsidiary company information to be included in the file submission for the registration.

When a registration is submitted, the information provided will be validated by the COBC. Once this is completed, the COBC will send a letter via the U.S. Postal Service to the named Authorized Representative with a personal identification number (PIN) and the COBC-assigned RRE ID (Section 111 Reporter ID) associated with the registration.

The Authorized Representative must give this PIN and RRE ID to their Account Manager to use to complete the account setup step.

If you need more than one RRE ID for Section 111 reporting, this step must be repeated for each.

Step 4: RRE Account Setup on the COBSW – Account Manager

The Account Manager will:

- Enter the RRE ID and associated PIN
- Enter personal information including name, job title, address, phone and e-mail address
- Create a Login ID for the COBSW
- Enter account information related to expected volume of data to be exchanged under this RRE ID (estimated number of annual paid claims for the lines of business that will be reported under the RRE ID)
- Enter reporting agent name, address, contact e-mail and TIN
- Select a file transmission method

- Provide file transmission information needed if the Connect:Direct transmission method is selected. See the later section on the Connect:Direct method to see what will be collected. ***You must have complete file transmission information available if the Connect:Direct method is selected or this step cannot be completed and all other data you provided will be lost.***

Once the Account Manager has successfully obtained a COBSW Login ID, he/she may log into the application and invite Account Designees to register for Login IDs. In addition, after completing account setup for his/her first RRE ID, since only one Login ID is required per user, the Account Manager will bypass the steps for creating another Login ID and password when setting up subsequent RRE IDs.

Step 5: Return Signed RRE Profile Report – Authorized Representative

Once account setup has been completed on the COBSW (including file transmission details for Connect:Direct if that method is selected) and processed by the COBC, a profile report will be sent to the RRE's Authorized Representative via e-mail.

The Profile Report contains:

- A summary of the information you provided on your registration and account setup
- Important information you will need for your data file transmission
- Your RRE ID that you will need to include on all files transmitted to COBC
- Your assigned production live data and ongoing quarterly file transmission
- Your assigned production live date and ongoing quarterly file submission timeframe for the MSP Input file
- Contact information for your COBC EDI Representative who will support you through testing, implementation and subsequent production reporting.

The RRE's authorized representative must review, sign and return the profile report to the COBC. At that point, you may begin testing your Section 111 files. The COBC will send an email to your Authorized Representative and Account Manager indicating that testing can begin.