

Subject: Reminder - SB-1159

Dear Valued CMIC Brokers and Agency Partners;

As we have previously communicated, California's SB 1159 imposes **immediate** reporting requirements on employers for purposes of the Covid-19 pandemic. This change in reporting requires the employer to report **work related and non-work-related Covid 19** cases immediately on an ongoing basis as the Employer becomes aware of them. When an employer knows or reasonably should know that an employee has tested positive for COVID-19, the employer must **immediately** report certain information to its claim administrator or insurance carrier. An employer, or other person acting on behalf of an employer, may be subject to civil penalties of **up to \$10,000** for intentionally submitting false or misleading information, or for failing to submit information when reporting.

To assist you in answering your client's questions regarding SB1159, we have attached an Overview titled **SB 1159 Broker Process Guide**. Also, attached is the **SB1159 Reporting Form**. To comply with this reporting requirement Church Mutual has modified its reporting protocols of Covid-19 cases. The specific protocol the Employer should follow is attached in the document titled **SB1159 California Workers' Compensation Reporting Protocols for Employers**.

***Please remind your client's not to utilize the Medcor Injury Triage Hotline for California Covid 19 cases especially for those cases where no formal claim is being pursued by the employee.** Medcor will not add value like they do in a normal work injury case, especially if no formal claim is being made by the employee. They will not be offering any kind of treatment decision support like they normally do with normal work injuries, such as, recommendations on whether outside care is needed or not needed, or what type of specialty provider might be needed. Most importantly, the nurse may not be asking all the right questions relative to SB1159. This could cause duplicate communication efforts by Church Mutual's claim handlers to secure the proper information from you or your employee.

In addition, you may click on this link <https://www.churchmutual.com/3279/California-Workers'-Compensation-Forms> for information regarding California's SB1159 reporting requirement and other important California worker's compensation information. Once you click on the link above, you can click on the subject matter in gold as shown below that interests you and you will be redirected to that topic. **If your client's locations are primarily responsible for reporting California Covid 19 cases, we encourage the Employer to share this information with them.**