



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIES

HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS

L&I has implemented a two-year pilot program that allows workers to initiate a Report of Accident through their employer (EF-ROA). This pilot is a result of joint legislation supported by Business and Labor.

Three hundred employers were selected to participate in the pilot, which started on January 1, 2007. The goal is to determine if having employers file workplace injury or disease claims can:

- help identify and correct potential safety issues,
- improve accommodating the worker with transitional or light-duty work during recovery resulting in less disability and better return-to-work outcomes,
- assist in maintaining a helpful relationship with their injured workers.

What's different with the EF-ROA?

- **The EF-ROA form is specifically designed for this pilot and all claim numbers begin with "EF".**
- Workers complete their section of the form before the doctor visit.
- Employers may send job analyses with workers to the initial visit to help develop transitional or light-duty work during recovery.
- Providers submit their completed portion of the EF-ROA to the department.
- L&I sends the medical section of the EF-ROA to the employer, you do not.

What's the same?

- Workers choose their provider.
- Employers cannot direct or interfere with the selection of a health care provider or medical care.
- Employers do not manage the claims.
- Providers complete a standard ROA form **if** the worker doesn't bring in an EF-ROA.
- Providers are still paid for only one ROA completed at the initial visit after injury.
- Providers can FAX the form to their **established** FAX line and must submit the report within the appropriate time period.
- L&I manages the claim, provides authorizations, and pays for the ROA according to the appropriate fee schedule.

We are here to help you. If you have any questions or need additional assistance about this pilot project, please contact L&I at (360) 902-6201 or send an e-mail message to:

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