



**EAST COAST UNDERWRITERS, LLC
THIRD PARTY CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR QUESTIONNAIRE AND
APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL**

PART I – ENTITY, LOCATION, OWNERSHIP, AFFILIATION

1. Company Name _____
Street Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

2. Location of Sub-Offices and Telephones:

Phone: _____

Phone: _____

Phone: _____

3. Is your firm owned by or affiliated with any other organization(s) involved, directly or indirectly, in any area or aspect of insurance or reinsurance? ____ Yes ____ No. If so, please indicate name, relationship of business _____

4. How long has your organization been operating as claim payor?

5. Principal Officers:
(A) List Top Three Executives:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Length in Service</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

(B) Person to Contact for:
Company Relations: _____
Premium: _____
Claims: _____
Administration: _____

6. Are you a member of any professional society? ____ Yes ____ No.
If Yes, please specify: _____

7. Bank Reference:

<u>Bank</u>	<u>Contact/Title</u>	<u>Phone</u>
_____	_____	_____

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8. How is new business developed? ___ Brokers ___ Salaried Reps ___ Principals
9. Are any substantial changes in your organization projected in the foreseeable future?
___ Yes ___ No. If Yes, please explain: _____

10. Has the company (TPA) or its principals ever been adjudged bankrupt? ___ Yes ___ No. If Yes, please explain: _____

PART II – CARRIERS/INSURERS

11. List Excess Insurers (Stop-Loss Carriers) who have granted your firm their authorization to administer claims for their self-funded policyholders: (Attach supplemental sheet if additional space is needed):

<u>Carrier</u>	<u>% Inforce Stop-Loss Policies</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

12. Has any carrier withdrawn their claims-paying authority or TPA approval ___ Yes ___ No. If yes, please provide details. _____

13. Approximate number of stop-loss quotations you expect to request during the next twelve months _____ . What percent do you expect to close? _____ %.

14. Are all stop-loss markets used in every situation? ___ Yes ___ No.

PART III – ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

15. May clients have system access in their offices? ___ Yes ___ No. If Yes, which administrative functions can the client perform? _____
16. Can you provide census and premium funding data electronically? ___ Yes ___ No.



17. System(s) Security and Audit Procedures:

(A) Describe security for master file (i.e., who can enter new groups, changes). Who can add, delete, and change Plan Participants and their benefits?

(B) Describe security for client funds

(C) Describe record retention program for enrollment cards, billing files, etc.

(D) Describe back-up system in the event that the computer master file is destroyed.

18. Have you ever been involved in an audit by the Department of Labor (DOL)? ___ Yes ___ No. If Yes, please explain: _____

19. Are separate bank accounts maintained for each client? ___ Yes ___ No.

(A) What is included in each account? _____

(B) Who has disbursement authority? _____

(C) Is there a trust establishment for Funded Plans? _____

(D) Describe a "Typical" client funds transaction through your office _____

20. What is your philosophy in serving a client's interest if the client asks you to accelerate claim payments in the last quarter, month of the plan year-end?

21. Do you perform bank account reconciliation's on Client Accounts? ___ Yes ___ No.

If No, why not? _____

22. How often do you generate premium billings for insurance coverage? _____ On what days? _____

23. When are premium reminder notices sent? _____

24. For non-payment of excess/stop loss premiums, when are lapse notices sent? _____

25. On what date(s) are premium payments run for insurers and excess insurers? _____

26. What procedures do you have in place to detect and enforce reimbursement for subrogation, COB or workers' compensation? _____

27. What procedures do you have in place for identifying and reporting potentially large claims (exceeding 50% of spec deductible)? _____

28. Do you remit premiums to carrier on behalf of clients? ___ Yes ___ No. If yes, do you remit gross or net of commissions? ___ Gross ___ Net.



PART IV – CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION

29. How many trained claims examiners (excluding supervisor) are employed? _____
How many other personnel? _____
30. What qualifications (including experience) have been established as minimum standards for your claims examiners? _____
31. Are there specified dollar limits at which supervisory personnel become automatically involved in any given claim situation? _____
32. Are all claims examiners, supervisors, draft typists, and claims clerks bonded? __Yes __No.
If yes, state limits _____ Insurance Co. _____
Policy # _____ Term _____
33. What claims system do you use? How are benefits calculated?
___ Manual ___ Automated
 ___ System computes the claim
 ___ System accepts manually calculated data
34. What is your process for auto adjudication?

35. Are records maintained which would allow retrieval of the following information:
(A) Date Medical Expense was incurred by Claimant ___ Yes ___ No.
(B) Date Medical Expense was Paid by Fund ___ Yes ___ No.
(C) Enrollment, Eligibility, & Employment Dates ___ Yes ___ No.
(D) Liability Determination (i.e. COB; Wo. Comp.) ___ Yes ___ No.
36. Is eligibility determined on-line? ___ Yes ___ No.
37. Can you provide claims data electronically? ___ Yes ___ No.
38. What is your payment accuracy objective? *(check one)*
___ Statistical: Number of claims paid
___ Financial: Dollar amount paid without error
39. What is your payment accuracy performance during the last twelve months? _____
40. What is your average turnaround time from date of receipt to date of payment on a clean claim submission? _____



41. What is your basis for determining R&C? *(check one)*
 Surgical
 Medical
42. Is your R & C database on-line? Yes No. How often is R & C data updated? _____
43. Are the ICD-10 and CPT codes captured? Yes No.
44. Do you subcontract any data processing activities? Yes No. If Yes, please specify:

45. What is your level of service provided for COBRA, HIPAA, and Flex Plans, Cafeteria Plans and/or Section 125 Plans administration? _____

PART V – MANAGED CARE

46. Please list the companies you use for Medical Case Management services.

47. Is there a direct linkage between the UR/Pre-Cert process and case management?
 Yes No. If Yes, please explain: _____
48. Please list the PPOs you use for the majority of your cases. _____

49. When there isn't a PPO in place, do you reprice hospital bills? Yes No. If yes, what vendors do you use and at what claim level? _____
50. Describe any other claim cost management providers and processes you may use; e.g. demand management, hospital bill audits, subrogation, fee negotiation, service, etc.

51. Describe your procedures for auditing and/or negotiating provider bills: _____



PART VI – COMPLIANCE, LEGAL, LICENSE

52. Have any legal actions been brought against your firm or any of the principals during the past three years? ___ Yes ___ No. If Yes, please attach details.
53. Are there any pending law suits or Insurance Dept. complaints, and/or were there any during the last Year? ___ Yes ___ No. If Yes, please attach details regarding nature of action and status.
54. Enclose a copy Fiduciary and/or E & O Insurance? ___ Yes ___ No. If Yes, please provide:
Name of Carrier: _____
Policy Number: _____
Limit of Liability: _____
Term: _____
55. Are you audited annually by an outside firm? ___ Yes ___ No. If Yes, please state name and address:

56. Are you in a state that requires Administrators to be licensed? ___ Yes ___ No. If Yes, please provide a copy of your license and your current State A & H License(s) for either your firm or any individuals, if the state requires same.
57. Please attach the following to this completed questionnaire:
() Brief resume on executives
() Brief resume on claims supervisor and senior claims staff
() Sample of plan document format currently used
() Copy of promotional material currently used
() Sample of claim and management reports provided to clients
() Copy of administrator license if required
() Details of law suits or Insurance Department complaints, if applicable
() Copy of your latest financial report

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS CORRECT. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT AS A MATTER OF PROCEDURE, A ROUTINE INQUIRY MAY BE MADE BY THE COMPANY OF ANY OR ALL OF THE INDIVIDUALS AND FIRMS NOTED ABOVE AS REFERENCES IN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE.

Date _____ Signed _____

Title _____