

**WAC 296-15-001 Definitions.** (1) "Self-insurance electronic data reporting system (SIEDRS)": SIEDRS is a computer system that collects claim data electronically from self-insurers. Effective July 1, 2008, all self-insurers must send timely and accurate claim data to SIEDRS in the required format.

(2) "Substantially similar":

(a) The text of the department's document has not been altered or deleted; and

(b) The self-insurer's document has the text:

(i) In approximately the same font size;

(ii) With the same emphasis (bolding, italics, underlining, etc.); and

(iii) In approximately the same location on the page as the department's document.

(3) "Third-party administrator (TPA)" is a business entity that contracts with one or more self-insured employers to handle self-insured employer's claims under WAC 296-15-350. TPAs who handle Washington claims must be licensed by the department of labor and industries. A business entity that is majority owned by a self-insured employer it contracts to handle claims for will not be considered a TPA of that self-insured employer.

(4) "Claims management entity": All individuals designated by the self-insured employer to administer workers' compensation claims, including self-administered organizations and third-party administrators.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 51.04.020, 51.32.190 and 2020 c 277. WSR 21-11-083, § 296-15-001, filed 5/18/21, effective 7/1/21. Statutory Authority: RCW 51.14.110. WSR 09-01-177, § 296-15-001, filed 12/23/08, effective 1/23/09. Statutory Authority: RCW 51.04.020, 51.14.020, 51.32.190, 51.14.090, and 51.14.095. WSR 06-06-066, § 296-15-001, filed 2/28/06, effective 4/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 51.32.190(6), 51.32.055 (8)(a) and (9)(a). WSR 98-24-121, § 296-15-001, filed 12/2/98, effective 1/2/99.]