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BUREAU CIRCULAR NO. 1360

To All Members of the Bureau:

Re: **FILE TRANSFER FACILITY (FTF) VIA ADVANTIS**

Bureau Circular No. 1353 introduced File Transfer Facility (FTF) along with the Insurance Bureau Bulletin Board Service (IBBSnet™). Bureau Circular No. 1359 provided additional detail regarding IBBSnet™.

The FTF is now available to member insurers for the electronic transmission of workers compensation policy and statistical data to the Bureau through the secured Advantis network. This will allow such data to be submitted via leased line or dial facilities (without changing the existing WCPOLS and WCSTAT file formats) from the carrier directly to the Advantis host system. Insurers will receive transmission receipt acknowledgment as well as transmission acceptance or rejection notification. The Bureau then retrieves the data from Advantis.

Member insurers interested in using the FTF should call John Murphy of the Bureau at Extension 258 for further information and to arrange for testing.

The Bureau regards this data submission option as a very efficient, cost effective alternative to paper and/or magnetic tape reporting and strongly encourages our members to consider its use.

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