



OFFICE OF
INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

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Dear School District Superintendent:

As you know, the Washington State Legislature has tasked the Washington State Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) with the collection and reporting of school district employee health benefits data from school districts and their benefit providers (insurance carriers).

The OIC has filed proposed rules to clarify the reporting requirements and process for the insurance carriers and has engaged Treinen Associates to collect the required 2012 employee health benefits data from school districts and their benefit providers. The proposed carrier reporting rules may be viewed at <http://www.insurance.wa.gov/laws-rules/legislation-rules/documents/2012-21102.pdf>.

In carrying out the OIC data collection responsibilities under ESSB 5940, Treinen Associates will, in early 2013, distribute information to school districts and carriers about the School District Health Benefit Data Collection project. This information will include the project schedule and detailed data requirements.

Treinen Associates is working with a group of school district and ESD benefits staff on an initial pilot to gather feedback on the proposed: (1) approach for engaging school districts; (2) communication strategies; (3) data gathering tools; and (4) data elements to be requested from school districts. Our intent is to use this pilot to identify areas for improvement prior to submitting data requests to school districts.

This office has a signed agreement with Treinen Associates, Inc that provides for the non-disclosure of data collected pursuant to sections four and five of ESSB 5940, except for the specific purposes identified in ESSB 5940.

The OIC is requesting that all school districts, their insurance carriers and other benefit providers provide to Treinen Associates all information and data required to comply with the legislature's directives. We specifically request that each school district Superintendent communicate this requirement to the appropriate district staff and to the district's carriers and other benefit providers.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns regarding this request.

Sincerely Yours,

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