Identity Management at WorkSafeBC

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Agenda

- WorkSafeBC overview
 - Vision, Strategy, Objectives
- Current Identity Management Activity
- Future Identity Management Plans



Our Vision

Workers and Workplaces Safe and Secure from Injury, Illness and Disease





WorkSafeBC Strategic Goals

- 1. Keeping the health and safety promise
- 2. Our service commitment
- 3. Our commitment to our team
- 4. Protecting financial integrity of the system
- 5. Transforming societal attitudes



Key Objectives

- Improve injured workers' rating of overall service
- 2. Improve employers' rating of overall service
- 3. Raise public confidence
- Reduce the average short-term claim duration
- Improve return-to-work outcomes for workers in vocational rehabilitation

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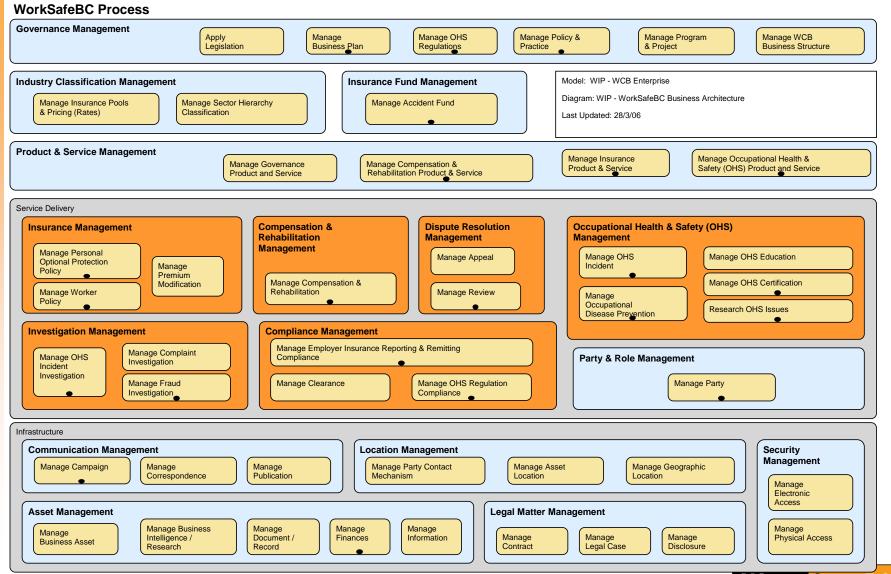


Key Objectives - continued

- Improve timeliness of initial short-term disability payments
- 8. Improve decision making through the WCB, ensuring consistency with the legislation
- 9. Improve administration costs
- 10. Achieve an accident fund, including reserves, in the range of 90 to 110 percent
- 11. Attain an aggregate premium rate between \$1.75 and \$2.25



WorkSafeBC on a Page



About WorkSafeBC

- Vision: Workers and workplaces safe and secure from injury, illness and disease.
- Insurance coverage: 180,000 employers with 2 million workers.
- Claims started: 150,000+ per year.
- Health & Safety inspections: 16,000 per year.
- Phone calls received: 20,000+ per day.
- Documents received: 15,000+ per day.

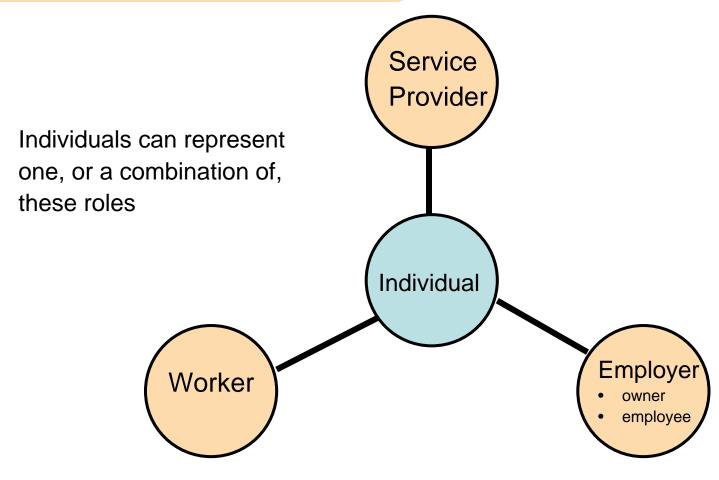


Primary Customer Groups

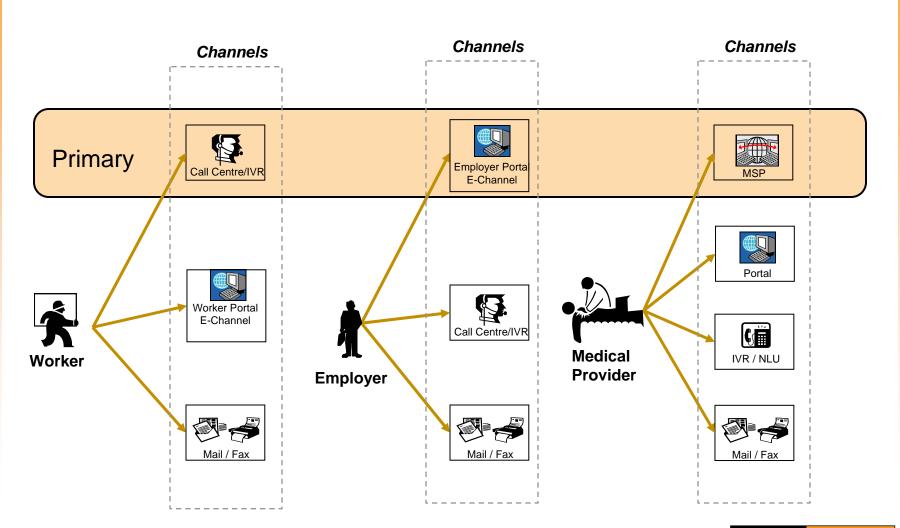
- Workers
- Employers
- Health Care Providers
 - Physicians
 - Physiotherapists
 - Psychologists
 - Dentists
 - Chiropractors
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- Representatives for workers, employers, and health care providers



Roles



Communication Channels



Current E-Gov't / E-Business Environment

- Employer services initial concentration is in this area (22 of 25 online services are for use by employers only), including:
 - Registration, report payroll, premium payments, etc.
 - Injury reporting, claim status
- Injured workers can access online claim status and payment information.
- Health care providers can access online claim status information
- Representatives Employer Payroll reporting



Employers





Access Control Categories

- High secured applications: customers must be preauthorized, e.g. claim cost statements, injury reporting
- Medium personal applications: customers are preregistered but are not authorized, e.g. clearance alert
- Low anonymous applications: no registration required,
 e.g. employer registration, clearance letter



IDM: Fundamental Design Principles

- Authentication and authorization Our internal systems and data must be protected from unlawful access.
 - ensure that privileged information is accessible to only those who have a legitimate right to it
 - where possible, leverage existing Gov't authentication capabilities (not achieved)

Self- Service with low in-house administration

- online, intuitive, self-service option for sign-up, authentication and profile management
- WorkSafeBC should not incur a high administrative cost in manually authenticating customers for online access

True Single Sign On (SSO)

individuals create one ID which can be authorized for multiple organizations, and/or claims

Decentralized management

- authorized customers need to manage access to their data stored on our systems
- authenticate organizational administrators only
- administrator has access to all services and data, and is responsible for authorizing all other access for that organization



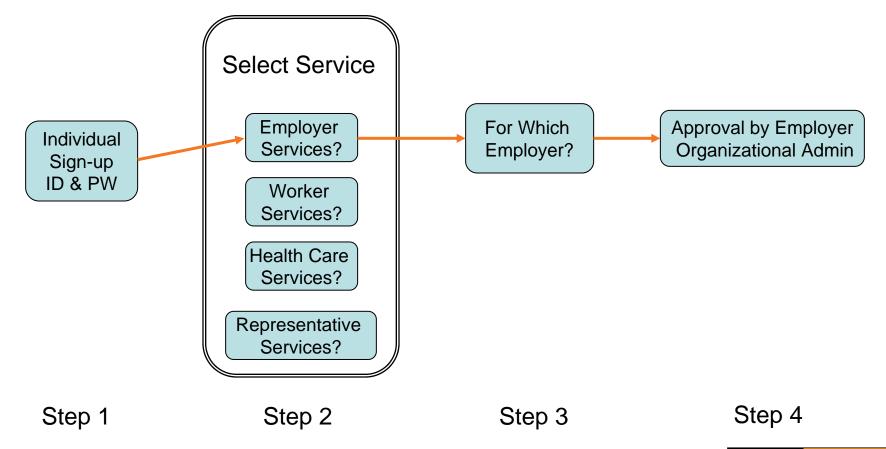
IDM system: SecureConnect

- Allows customers to select an ID and password and sign-up for secured online services.
- Validates IDs and passwords that are entered for personal and secured applications.
- Provides the means to authenticate an individual based on his/her role and type of services requested (e.g. employer services, claimant services, etc.)
- Allows an organization to identify one or more individuals to be designated as Organizational Administrators.



Authentication & Authorization Process

(simplified)



SecureConnect: Facts

- Custom built in 2000; implemented in 2001.
- Manages 20,000 logons per month (i.e. verification of ID and password).
- Manages 65,000 application launches per month.
- Authenticated 27,000 administrators, representing 29,000 employers for access to online services.
- 87% of new authentications provide immediate access through our self-service capabilities.
- (We plan to start authenticating injured workers, health care providers and third-party representatives in 2006.)



IDM for Employers: Today

- Authentication of the employer's administrator is completed through validation of a "shared secret"
 - information from reports that are sent to the company during normal business processes.
 - PINs sent through directed mail campaign.
 - authentication numbers assigned at the time of online registration for insurance coverage.
 - manual verification via helpdesk staff.
- A letter is automatically sent to a senior officer of the organization informing them of the authorized administrator.



IDM for Injured Workers & Health Care Providers: Today

- Injured workers are given a Personal Access Number (PAN) when their claim is registered.
- The PAN is used as a "shared secret" for accessing claim information online by claimants and Health Care Providers.
- No ID or passwords are assigned; the PAN and claim number are entered for every access.
- FIPP office has ruled that PAN is not a very well-kept "secret", i.e. PAN is shared amongst too many people, such as family members and advocates.
- Investigating new authentication methods as part of our new Claims Management Solution project.



IDM for Injured Workers: Future Plans

- Injured workers will be assigned a Claim Authorization Number (CAN)
 when their claim is registered.
- The CAN will be used only once to authenticate the claimant and record their self-selected ID and password.
- Third parties, authorized by the claimant, will be given their own CAN which will be used for authentication.
- Third party authorization will expire after a specified period of time unless the claimant chooses to revoke it earlier or extend the access.



IDM for Health Care Providers: Future Plans

- Currently investigating the feasibility of a combination of "semi-shared secrets" for access to a specific claim.
 - Payee number
 - Claim number
 - PHN
- Also considering the use of PINs mailed to targeted groups which can be used for authorization with IDs and passwords.
- Still in early stages and have not yet discussed options with the health care community.
- This is our most challenging area for IDM, and the one we are the least comfortable with.



WorkSafeBC IDM Priorities for E-Gov't

- 1. Health Care Providers (using certifying organization)
- Citizen injured worker (potentially based upon drivers license and PHN)
- 3. **Employers** (B.C. Corporate Registry / Registrar of Companies)



Possibilities

- Utilize a shared service for authentication, as a level 1(high)
 Government granted digital ID.
- Utilize certifying organizations to provide and validate e-business credentials (eg. College of Physicians)

Questions?



Supporting Slides



Workers

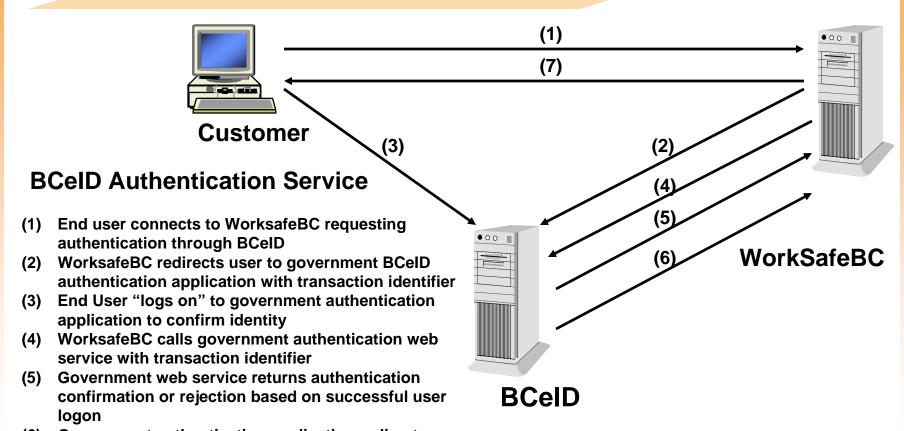


Health Care Providers





Sharing Authentication Credentials



- (6) Government authentication application redirects user back to WorksafeBC
- (7) WorksafeBC grants or rejects user access request based on answer from authentication web service



More About the WorkSafeBC

- WorkSafeBC is a "Statutory Agency"
 - Created by the Workers Compensation Act to Administer that legislation
- Mandate flows from the "Historic Compromise"
 - Employers are protected from suit for workplace injuries in exchange for funding the system
 - Workers, in exchange for the right to sue, receive compensation and coverage for medical and rehabilitation costs



