

FILING MEMORANDUM

ITEM U-1401—NATURE AND CAUSE OF INJURY CODES FOR COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) CLAIMS

PURPOSE

This item implements the following changes to NCCI's *Statistical Plan for Workers Compensation and Employers Liability Insurance (Statistical Plan)*:

- Add a rule for reporting COVID-19 claims using the new injury description codes
- Establish new Nature of Injury Code: 83–COVID-19
- Establish new Cause of Injury Code: 83–Pandemic

BACKGROUND

The Injury Description Code is a three-part data element comprising Part of Body, Nature of Injury, and Cause of Injury codes. The additions and changes to these coding values are coordinated through the Workers Compensation Insurance Organization (WCIO) to promote the uniformity of code values for all workers compensation data collection organizations.

As the industry has been closely monitoring the developments surrounding COVID-19 (coronavirus), the WCIO recently approved a new Nature of Injury Code 83–COVID-19 and Cause of Injury Code 83–Pandemic to identify claims attributable to COVID-19. These new codes are being implemented by NCCI and the other workers compensation bureaus.

PROPOSAL

This item proposes the following revisions to NCCI's *Statistical Plan*:

1. Update Part 4–Loss and Expense Information to identify claims attributable to COVID-19
2. Update Part 6–Coding Values to establish new Nature of Injury Code 83–COVID-19
3. Update Part 6–Coding Values to establish new Cause of Injury Code 83–Pandemic

IMPACT

No statewide premium impact will result from the changes proposed in this item.

EXHIBIT COMMENTS AND IMPLEMENTATION SUMMARY

In order to implement this item, the attached exhibits detail the changes required to NCCI's *Statistical Plan*.

In all states except Hawaii, this item is to become effective for new and renewal policies effective for claims with Accident Dates of December 1, 2019 and subsequent.

In Hawaii, the effective date is determined upon regulatory approval of the individual carrier's election to adopt this change.

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Exhibit	Part	Topic	Exhibit Details
1	4-F	Additional Claim Reporting Rules	Added rule.
2	6-D-3-b	Nature of Injury Codes	Added code and description.
3	6-D-3-c	Cause of Injury Codes	Added code and description.

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