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RE: Coronavirus Disease – 2019 (COVID-19) Claim Reporting Requirements

The Workers' Compensation Insurance Organizations (WCIO) have established a Catastrophe Number and added a Nature of Injury Code and a Cause of Injury Code to track claims involving a diagnosis of Coronavirus Disease – 2019 (COVID-19) with accident dates on or after December 1, 2019. In this specific case, the accident date would refer to the date at which the worker was determined to be exposed to the COVID-19 virus. For purposes of unit statistical data reporting in Minnesota, the Loss Record for claims attributed to COVID-19 must be reported as follows:

Catastrophe Number – 12
Nature of Injury Code – 83 (COVID-19)
Cause of Injury Code – 83 (Pandemic)
Accident Dates 12-1-2019 and subsequent

This coding change for COVID-19 claims has been created in anticipation of a formal filing with the Minnesota Department of Commerce. The filing will be made in conjunction with and in anticipation of national changes currently being developed. A second circular containing manual changes and formal regulatory approval, including an end date for the reporting of Catastrophe Number 12 claims will be announced through a follow-up circular.

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