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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. For purposes of unit statistical data reporting in California, the Loss Record for such claims must be reported as follows:

Catastrophe Number – 12
Nature of Injury Code – 83 (COVID-19)
Cause of Injury Code – 83 (Pandemic)

In addition, transaction indemnity data reported pursuant to the new WCIRB Indemnity Data Call being implemented later this year must be reported with nature of injury and cause of injury codes consistent with the unit statistical data for each claim.

Insurers should ensure that anyone responsible for reporting unit statistical or indemnity transaction data to the WCIRB is advised regarding the use of these codes.

The WCIRB is reviewing potential amendments to the *California Workers' Compensation Uniform Statistical Reporting Plan—1995* to incorporate these reporting requirements as well as evaluating potential updates to the *California Workers' Compensation Experience Rating Plan—1995* regarding the use of COVID-19 claims in experience rating. Any potential amendments will be included in a special Regulatory Filing with the California Insurance Commissioner.

