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RE: Housekeeping Filing – ***Minnesota Statistical Plan Manual*** – COVID-19 Update
New Cause of Injury, Nature of Injury and Catastrophe Codes
Policy Valuation Effective Date August 1, 2020

The captioned housekeeping item has been approved by the Minnesota Department of Commerce with a policy valuation effective date of August 1, 2020. This filing contained amendments to the ***Minnesota Statistical Plan Manual*** to establish new Cause of Injury, Nature of Injury and Catastrophe codes to identify workers' compensation claims associated with the COVID-19 virus.

Specifically, the following revisions to the Plan are: (a) establishment of Nature of Injury Code 83 (COVID-19); (b) establishment of Cause of Injury Code 83 (Pandemic); and (c) establishment of Catastrophe Number 12. The new codes were approved by the Workers' Compensation Insurance Organizations (WCIO) to ensure consistency among DCOs countrywide.

The effective date for the Nature of Injury and Cause of Injury codes are for policy valuation dates of August 1, 2020, and later, which is the effective date shown on the attached revised Plan pages. By way of brief explanation, the valuation date of first report of Unit Statistical Reports ("USRs") is 18 months after the policy effective date. This means that the August 1, 2020 valuation date would be applicable for reporting USRs for policies with an effective date of on or after February 1, 2019.

For catastrophe reporting of COVID-19 claims, Catastrophe Number 12 is to be utilized for claims with Accident Dates of December 1, 2019 and later. Given that COVID-19 related claims in Minnesota are not expected to have occurred prior to February 1, 2020, the effective valuation date of August 1, 2020 ensures that all COVID-19 related claims are clearly identified and captured in the data reported to the MWCIA.

The attached exhibits display the approved changes to the ***Minnesota Statistical Plan Manual***. As in past filings, strikethroughs indicate deleted text while underlining indicates new or added text.

Please direct any questions you may have concerning this item to Kathleen Peterson at 952-897-6420 or by emailing her at kathleen.peterson@mwcia.org.

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PART 4 — REPORTING INSTRUCTIONS — LOSSES

CURRENT PHRASEOLOGY	PROPOSED PHRASEOLOGY
<p>11. Catastrophe Number Report the number used for reporting all claims (two or more) resulting from one accident.</p> <p>A. Non-extraordinary Loss Event Claims. A Non-extraordinary Loss Event catastrophe is defined as any accident (one occurrence) resulting in two or more reportable claims. If there are more than one catastrophe under the policy, each succeeding catastrophe number must be increased by one. A separate series of catastrophe numbers (01-10) must be used for each policy on which a catastrophe occurred. After number “10” is assigned, the next number in the sequence will reprocess to number “01”. A separate series of catastrophe numbers, beginning with “01”, shall be used for each policy. Each succeeding catastrophe number shall be increased by one.</p> <p>B. Extraordinary Loss Event (ELE) Claims. An ELE catastrophe is a significant loss event from a workers’ compensation perspective, which is determined by the MWCIA on a case-by-case basis. When an ELE catastrophe number has been established and identified by the MWCIA, report the specific catastrophe number for each claim. The series of ELE catastrophe numbers are 11-99.</p>	<p>Same</p> <p>Same</p> <p>B. Extraordinary Loss Event (ELE) Claims. An ELE catastrophe is a significant loss event from a workers’ compensation perspective, which is determined by the MWCIA on a case-by-case basis. When an ELE catastrophe number has been established and identified by the MWCIA, report the specific catastrophe number for each claim. The series of ELE catastrophe numbers are 11-99.</p> <p><u>Report Catastrophe Number 12 for all claims occurring on or after December 1, 2019 which are due to the COVID-19 pandemic.</u></p>

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PART 7 — CODING VALUES AND STATISTICAL CODES

CURRENT PHRASEOLOGY	REVISED PHRASEOLOGY
6. Nature of Injury Code	6. Nature of Injury Code <u>83. COVID-19</u>
7. Cause of Injury Code	7. Cause of Injury Code <u>83. Pandemic</u>