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STATISTICAL CIRCULAR #130

To: All Members and Subscribers

Re: Statistical Plan Changes to Injury Codes for Vaccinations/Inoculations

The Commissioner of Banking and Insurance approved amendments to the New Jersey Statistical Plan, which is found in Part Three, Section 13 of the New Jersey Workers Compensation and Employers Liability Insurance Manual (Manual).

3:13-88 of the Manual is amended as follows:

- Add a code for the reporting and tracking of claims due to adverse reactions to vaccinations or inoculations.
 - Nature of Injury: 38 – Adverse reaction to a vaccination or inoculation
- Update the description for Cause of Injury Code 82 – Absorption, Ingestion, or Inhalation, NOC to reference vaccinations.

The changes apply to accidents occurring on or after December 1, 2020 and are attached.

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Att.

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INJURY DESCRIPTION CODE TABLE

See 3:13-57 for the proper use of this table.

Code	NATURE OF INJURY	Narrative Description
I.	SPECIFIC INJURY	
01.	No Physical Injury	i.e., Glasses, Contact Lenses, Artificial Appliance, Replacement of Artificial Appliance
02.	Amputation	Cut Off Extremity, Digit, Protruding Part of Body, Usually by Surgery, i.e.. Leg, Arm
03.	Angina Pectoris	Chest Pain
04.	Burn	(Heat) Burns or Scald. The Effect of Contact with Hot Substances. (Chemical) Burns, Tissue Damage Resulting from the Corrosive Action Chemicals, Fume, ETC. (Acids, Alkalies)
07.	Concussion	Brain, Cerebral
10.	Contusion	Bruise-Intact Skin Surface, Hematoma
13.	Crushing	To Grind, Pound or Break into Small Bits
16.	Dislocation	Pinched Nerve, Slipped/Ruptured Disc, Herniated Disc, Sciatica, Complete Tear, HNP Subluxation, Medical Doctor Dislocation
19.	Electric Shock	Electrocution
22.	Enucleation	Removal of Organ or Tumor
25.	Foreign Body	
28.	Fracture	Breaking of a Bone or Cartilage
30.	Freezing	Frostbite and Other Effects of Exposure to Low Temperature
31	Hearing Loss or Impairment	Traumatic Only, A Separate Injury, Not the Sequelae of Another Injury
32.	Heat Prostration	Heat Stroke, Sun Stroke, Heat Exhaustion, Heat Cramps and Other Effects of Environmental Heat. Does not include Sunburn
34.	Hernia	The Abnormal Protrusion of an Organ or Part Through the Containing Wall of its Cavity
36.	Infection	The Invasion of a Host by Organisms such as Bacteria, Fungi, Viruses, Mold, Protozoa or Insects. With or Without Manifest Disease.
37.	Inflammation	The Reaction of Tissue to Injury Characterized Clinically by Heat, Swelling, Redness and Pain
★ 38.	Adverse reaction to a vaccination or inoculation	
40.	Laceration	Cut, Scratches, Abrasions, Superficial Wounds, Calluses. Wound by Tearing
41.	Myocardial Infarction	Heart Attack, Heart Conditions, Hypertension. The Inadequate Blood Flow to the Muscular Tissue of the Heart
42.	Poisoning-General (Not OD or Cumulative Injury)	A Systemic Morbid Condition Resulting from the Inhalation, Ingestion, or Skin Absorption of a Toxic Substance Affecting the Metabolic System, the Nervous System, the Circulatory System, the Digestive System, the Respiratory System, the Excretory System, the Musculoskeletal System, Etc. Includes Chemical or Drug Poisoning, Metal Poisoning, Organic Diseases, and Venomous Reptile and Insect Bites. Does NOT Include Effects of Radiation, Pneumoconiosis, Corrosive Effects of Chemicals; Skin Surface Irritations, Septicemia or Infected Wounds.
43.	Puncture	A Hole Made by the Piercing of a Pointed Instrument
46.	Rupture	

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Code	CAUSE OF ACCIDENT	Narrative Description
X. MISCELLANEOUS CAUSES		
★ 82.	Absorption, Ingestion or Inhalation, NOC	Not otherwise classified in any other code. Applies only to non-impact cases in which the injury resulted from inhalation, absorption (skin contact), ingestion of harmful substances, or vaccinations.
87.	Foreign Matter (Body) in Eye(s)	
88.	Natural Disasters	Earthquake, Hurricane, Tornado, etc.
89.	Person in Act of A Crime	Robbery or Criminal Assault
90.	Other Than Physical Cause of Injury	
91.	Mold	
93.	Gunshot	
96.	Terrorism	For use with an assigned Catastrophe Code Only
98.	Cumulative, NOC	All Other
99.	Other Miscellaneous, NOC	