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To: ICRB Members

ITEM E-1410—REVISIONS TO NCCI MANUAL RULES RELATED TO THE INCLUSION OF COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) CLAIMS IN EXPERIENCE RATING AND MERIT RATING PURPOSE

The ICRB has submitted an item filing, E-1410 which was approved by the Indiana Department of Insurance

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- Report COVID-19 (coronavirus) claims to ELE Catastrophe Number 12 only if these claims have Accident Dates between December 1, 2019, and June 30, 2023
- Exclude COVID-19 (coronavirus) claims from experience rating calculations and merit rating plans (where applicable) only when these claims have Accident Dates between December 1, 2019, and June 30, 2023, and are reported with ELE Catastrophe Number 12

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

For further details please see the Circular below.

Sincerely,

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Paul E. Keathley, CAWC

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Note: In Illinois, claims attributable to COVID-19 (coronavirus) will continue to be excluded from experience rating calculations after June 30, 2023. However, ELE Catastrophe Number 12 will not be reported after June 30, 2023.

BACKGROUND

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization categorized the COVID-19 outbreak as a pandemic in response to the rising rates of infection in many locations around the world and across the United States. On March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared the COVID-19 outbreak as a national emergency beginning March 1, 2020. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), by mid-March 2020, transmission of COVID-19 had become widespread in the United States. At the start of the pandemic, the COVID-19 virus was novel and there was a lack of understanding of how to mitigate transmission in the general population and the workplace. There was a lack of guidance on workplace safety measures (social distancing, temperature readings, face masks, and sanitizing), effective treatments, COVID-19 testing, and COVID-19 vaccines. There was also a shortage of personal protection equipment (PPE), and there were widespread lockdowns and business closures.

The workers compensation industry was closely monitoring the developments surrounding COVID-19 (coronavirus), and in response to the pandemic, the Workers Compensation Insurance Organizations (WCIO)

approved new nature of injury and cause of injury codes and a new ELE catastrophe number to identify and track COVID-19 pandemic claims with Accident Dates of December 1, 2019, and subsequent. The codes were implemented by NCCI and other workers compensation bureaus to promote the uniformity of code values for all workers compensation data collection organizations.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, NCCI made filings in 2020 that impacted the following NCCI manuals:

- Basic Manual for Workers Compensation and Employers Liability Insurance (Basic Manual)
- Experience Rating Plan Manual for Workers Compensation and Employers Liability Insurance (Experience Rating Plan Manual)
- Forms Manual of Workers Compensation and Employers Liability Insurance (Forms Manual)
- Statistical Plan for Workers Compensation and Employers Liability Insurance (Statistical Plan)

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- Established ELE Catastrophe Number 12—COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Pandemic for reporting claims attributable to the COVID-19 pandemic as an Extraordinary Loss Event beginning with Accident Dates of December 1, 2019, and subsequent
- Excluded claims reported with ELE Catastrophe Number 12 from experience rating calculations for experience rating modifications with rating effective dates of August 16, 2020, and later
- Excluded claims reported with ELE Catastrophe Number 12 from merit rating plans (where applicable) for new and renewal policies effective on and after August 16, 2020

Additionally, NCCI's Item U-1401—Nature and Cause of Injury Codes for COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Claims established Nature of Injury Code 83—COVID-19 and Cause of Injury Code 83—Pandemic in the **Statistical**

Plan for claims reported with ELE Catastrophe Number 12 with Accident Dates of December 1, 2019, and subsequent.

NCCI excluded COVID-19 (coronavirus) claims from experience rating and merit rating (where applicable) because pandemics have been rare, initial cost estimates on the workers compensation industry were in the billions, and there was a lack of historical pandemic experience in the workers compensation system. Without adjustment, the presence or absence of COVID-19 (coronavirus) claims from this historical period was not a reliable predictor of whether claims would return in a given future year and was not a true predictor

of employers' safety practices due to this uncertainty.

Current Environment

The COVID-19 pandemic has been affecting the workplace for more than three years. Over this period, the CDC has published workplace prevention strategies and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has provided resources to help prevent COVID-19 exposure and infection in the workplace. According to OSHA, many employers have established COVID-19 prevention programs that include a number

of important steps to keep unvaccinated and otherwise at-risk employees safe. Vaccines are available and, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), over 80% of the US population are vaccinated with at least one dose of a booster vaccine. There is widespread availability of PPE, accessibility of testing, and effective treatments for infected persons. The US economy is at or near full employment, has been resilient to recent COVID-19 variants, and is beginning to reflect a post-pandemic new normal. It is unknown at this time whether the disease will ever be fully eradicated. On October 13, 2022, the US Government continued to declare the COVID-19 pandemic as a national emergency. The US Government's National COVID-19 Preparedness Plan was published to help the country move forward safely, and it focuses

on four key goals:

- Protect against and treat COVID-19
- · Prepare for new variants
- · Prevent economic and educational shutdowns

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Continue to lead the effort to vaccinate the world and save lives

Inclusion of Future COVID-19 Claims in Experience Rating and Merit Rating (Where Applicable)
NCCI is recommending that COVID-19 (coronavirus) claims with Accident Dates on and after July 1, 2023, be

included in the experience rating calculations, except in Illinois, and merit rating plans (where applicable). To support this recommendation, an end Accident Date of June 30, 2023, would be established for ELE Catastrophe Number 12—COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Pandemic. Only claims attributable to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic with Accident Dates of December 1, 2019, through June 30, 2023, would be reported

with ELE Catastrophe Number 12 and would be excluded from experience rating calculations and merit rating

plans (where applicable). **Note:** In Illinois, claims attributable to COVID-19 (coronavirus) will continue to be excluded from experience rating calculations after June 30, 2023. However, ELE Catastrophe Number 12 will not be reported after June 30, 2023.

NCCI is filing to update manual rules in recognition of the reality that the workforce will likely be living with COVID-19 for the foreseeable future. The special treatment of COVID-19 (coronavirus) claims as catastrophic was intended to be temporary. Actuarial Standards of Practice 39, Treatment of Catastrophe Losses in Property/Casualty Insurance Ratemaking, discusses the identification of catastrophes in property and casualty insurance as "perils or events that have the potential to generate catastrophe losses that differ materially from the expected aggregate losses or the expected distribution of losses." As COVID-19 losses are expected to continue into the future, they are no longer a novel peril in workers compensation. NCCI anticipates the experience for accidents occurring on or after the selected date of July 1, 2023, which will be defined as the end date of the catastrophe, to produce limited aggregate losses which reflect more typical claims activity. COVID-19 (coronavirus) claims after this Accident Date no longer require special treatment and should be treated like any other workers compensation claims in experience rating calculations, except in

Illinois, and merit rating plans (where applicable).

The primary purpose of experience rating is to improve the estimate of an employer's expected losses in an upcoming policy period by incorporating the predictive ability of that employer's prior loss experience. Experience rating also provides a clear financial incentive for employers to develop loss prevention and to have injured employees return to work as soon as reasonably possible. While the pandemic has not ended, NCCI has determined that it is appropriate to include claims attributable to COVID-19 (coronavirus) in

experience rating calculations, except in Illinois, and merit rating plans (where applicable) going forward for the following reasons:

- 1. Predictor of Future Claims:
- Certain employers with workers compensation coverage, due to the nature of their occupations, have higher expected exposure to COVID-19 claims. NCCI expects that most COVID-19 claims will continue to be present in these occupations going forward. In experience rating, historical data should be used to determine future cost estimates when the historical period is believed to be a reliable predictor of future experience. Therefore, future COVID-19 claims should be treated the same as all other compensable workers compensation claims.
- Several states have passed COVID-19 presumptive workers compensation laws and regulations, increasing the likelihood of future compensable COVID-19 claims for certain classifications. Loss experience in these classifications has predictive ability.

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- 2. Reflective of Safety Practices:
- Many employers have made adjustments as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and have implemented loss prevention and safety programs. Authorities such as the US Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) have issued guidance and mandatory OSHA standards to help employers reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission in their workplaces. Employers that have implemented COVID-19 loss prevention and safety measures should have premiums that accurately reflect their experience through the experience rating modification factor.
- As businesses have reopened and have become progressively less sensitive to fluctuations in infection rates, it will likely become more challenging to prove that COVID-19 infections are work-related. Continued COVID-19 workers compensation claim frequency is likely to be reflective of specific employer loss prevention and safety programs.

PROPOSAL

This item proposes to establish an end Accident Date of June 30, 2023, for the reporting of COVID-19 (coronavirus) claims to ELE Catastrophe Number 12 and the exclusion of COVID-19 (coronavirus) claims from

experience rating calculations, except in Illinois, and merit rating plans (where applicable). For COVID-19 (coronavirus) claims with Accident Dates on and after July 1, 2023, these claims must continue to be reported

with Nature of Injury Code 83—COVID-19. And, when applicable, these claims must be reported with Cause

of Injury Code 83—Pandemic. COVID-19 (coronavirus) claims with Accident Dates on and after July 1, 2023 must not be reported to ELE Catastrophe Number 12. This item revises the following NCCI manuals:

1. Experience Rating Plan Manual Rule 1-C-3—Losses

Note: In addition to revising the ELE Catastrophe Number 12 claim exception, this item proposes to eliminate the exceptions in Rule 1-C-3 related to Catastrophe Numbers 48 and 87 because it is no longer necessary to maintain these exceptions for experience rating purposes. Catastrophe Number 48 is assigned to claims attributable to the September 11, 2001, attacks. Catastrophe Number 87 is assigned to claims resulting from the rescue, recovery, and cleanup work at the World Trade Center.

- 2. Statistical Plan Part 4-E-2-a(2)(a)—ELE Catastrophe Number 12—COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Pandemic
- 3. Statistical Plan Part 4-F—Additional Claim Reporting Rules by revising #10
- 4. Basic Manual, Residual Market Manual for Workers Compensation and Employers Liability Insurance (Residual Market Manual), and Experience Rating Plan Manual Merit Rating Plans in Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Hawaii, Maine, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, and Vermont 5. Forms Manual Maine Merit Rating Endorsement (WC 18 04 02 B)

The filing of this item, Item E-1410, proposes revisions to NCCI manual rules related to the reporting of COVID-19 (coronavirus) claims and their inclusion in experience rating calculations and merit rating plans (where applicable). Refer to Item B-1447—Revisions to NCCI Manual Rules Related to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Pandemic—Paid Furloughed Employees and Final Premium Reporting, which proposes to establish an expiration date of June 30, 2023, for Code 0012 and the final premium reporting rule exception. The enclosed materials are copyrighted materials of the National Council on Compensation Insurance, Inc. ("NCCI"). The use of these materials may be governed by a separate contractual agreement between NCCI and its licensees such as an affiliation agreement between you and NCCI. Unless permitted by NCCI, you may not copy, create derivative works (by way of example, create or supplement your own works, databases, software, publications, manuals, or other materials), display, perform, or use the materials, in whole or in part, in any media. Such actions

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Illinois Statute 820 ILCS 310/1(g)(5) states: "Under no circumstances shall any COVID-19 case increase or affect any employer's workers' compensation insurance experience rating or modification, but COVID-19 costs may be included in determining overall State loss costs."

The rule revisions to *Experience Rating Plan Manual* Rule 1-C-3 described in this Proposal do not apply in Illinois because of the above-referenced statute. Therefore, claims attributable to COVID-19 (coronavirus), beginning on Accident Date December 1, 2019, with no end date, will continue to be excluded from experience rating calculations in Illinois. Refer to state exhibits for Illinois.

IMPACT

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Experience Rating Calculations

Based on the July 1, 2023, Accident Date, ratings effective beginning July 1, 2024, and subsequent have the

potential to be affected by COVID-19 (coronavirus) claims being reported without ELE Catastrophe Number 12 in the experience rating calculation.

Note that the earliest policy effective date under which COVID-19 (coronavirus) claims could be reported, without ELE Catastrophe Number 12, is June 16, 2022. *Experience Rating Plan Manual* Rule 1-B-5 requires that a policy of one year and 16 days be treated as a one-year policy. *Experience Rating Plan Manual* Rule 2-E-1-a states that experience used in a rating is not less than 21 months before the rating effective date and not more than 57 months before the rating effective date. Based on these rules, the proposed changes have the potential to impact affected employers with experience rating modifications with rating effective dates of March 16, 2024, and later. To the extent that affected employers incur any COVID-19

(coronavirus) claims on or after the Accident Date of July 1, 2023, the experience rating modifications will include such claims for those employers, except in Illinois. However, the ratings with potential COVID-19 (coronavirus) claims exposure before July 1, 2024, are estimated to be less than 0.1% of all ratings.

Merit Rating Plans

COVID-19 (coronavirus) claims with Accident Dates on and after July 1, 2023, will be included in merit rating plans (where applicable).

Catastrophe (other than Certified Acts of Terrorism) Provision

NCCI is proposing no change to the Catastrophe (other than Certified Acts of Terrorism) provision, where applicable. The Catastrophe (other than Certified Acts of Terrorism) provision premium is not used by NCCI in experience rating or merit rating. The Catastrophe (other than Certified Acts of Terrorism) provision is used 1 The Catastrophe (Other Than Certified Acts of Terrorism) Premium Endorsement (WC 00 04 21 F) is effective in Texas

for new and renewal policies as of July 1, 2022, and as of August 1, 2022, for new and renewal policies in AK, AL, AR, AZ, CO, CT, DC, GA, HI, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, ME, MO, MS, MT, NE, NH, NM, NV, OK, OR, RI, SC, SD, TN, UT, VT, and WV.

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to account for future exposure to a single event or peril resulting in a group of claims with aggregate workers

compensation losses in excess of \$50 million, which may include the exposure to new pandemics. Both the definition of "catastrophe" and the treatment of catastrophe losses in property and casualty ratemaking are addressed in the Actuarial Standards of Practice (ASOP). As defined in ASOP 39, Treatment of Catastrophe Losses in Property/Casualty Insurance Ratemaking, a catastrophe is "a relatively infrequent event or phenomenon that produces unusually large aggregate losses." ASOP 39 also states that "consideration should be given to the impact of catastrophes and that procedures should be developed to include an allowance for catastrophe exposure in the rate."

NCCI is proposing to treat the period of the pandemic between Accident Dates of December 1, 2019, and June

30, 2023, as a catastrophic phenomenon. ELE Catastrophe Number 12 claims reported during this period

be excluded from experience rating calculations. The claims that occurred during this period are not expected

to be a reliable predictor of future years for experience rating purposes. COVID-19 (coronavirus) claims occurring on and after July 1, 2023, are expected to be predictive of future experience, without adjustment.

EXHIBIT COMMENTS AND IMPLEMENTATION SUMMARY

Exhibit Exhibit Comments Implementation Summary

National Exhibits

1 • Details the revisions to Rule 1-C-3—Losses in

NCCI's Experience Rating Plan Manual

- Applies in: AK, AL, AR, AZ, CO, CT, DC, FL, GA, HI, IA, ID, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MO, MS, MT, NC, NE, NH, NM, NV, OK, OR, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, VT, WV
- · Refer to state exhibits for IL, MA, and ME
- 2 Details the revisions to Part 4-E-2-a(2)(a) in NCCI's

Statistical Plan

 Applies in: AK, AL, AR, AZ, CO, CT, DC, FL, GA, HI, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, ME, MO, MS, MT, NE, NH, NM, NV, OK, OR, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, VT, WV

3 • Details the revisions to Part 4-F-10 in NCCI's

Statistical Plan

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In all applicable states, except Hawaii, this item is to become effective for:

- new and renewal policies with effective dates on and after 12:01 a.m. on July 1, 2023, and
- any in-force policy in effect on and after July 1, 2023.

In Hawaii, the effective date will be determined upon regulatory approval of the individual carriers' election to adopt

this change.

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4 Details the revisions to the rule, Merit Rating Plan application, in NCCI's **Basic Manual** for Alabama.

To become effective in Alabama for:

- new and renewal policies with effective dates on and after 12:01 a.m. on July 1, 2023, and
- any in-force policy in effect on and after July 1, 2023.
- 4 Details the revisions to the rule, Merit Rating Plan application, in NCCI's **Residual Market Manual** for Arkansas.

To become effective in Arkansas for:

- new and renewal residual market policies only, with effective dates on and after 12:01 a.m. on July 1, 2023, and
- any in-force residual market policy in effect on and after July 1, 2023.
- 4 Details the revisions to the rule, Merit Rating Plan application, in NCCI's *Residual Market Manual* for Georgia.

To become effective in Georgia for:

- new and renewal residual market policies only, with effective dates on and after 12:01 a.m. on July 1, 2023, and
- any in-force residual market policy in effect on and after July 1, 2023.
- 4 Details the revisions to the rule, Merit Rating Plan application, in NCCI's **Basic Manual** for Hawaii.

The effective date will be determined upon regulatory approval of the individual carriers' election to adopt this change.

4 Details the establishment of Illinois' exception to Rule

1-C-3 in NCCI's Experience Rating Plan Manual.

To become effective in Illinois for:

- new and renewal policies with effective dates on and after 12:01 a.m. on July 1, 2023, and
- any in-force policy in effect on and after July 1, 2023.
- 4 Details the revisions to the rule, Merit Rating Plan application, in NCCI's **Basic Manual** for Maine.
- 5 Details the revisions to Maine's exception to Rule
- 1-C-3 in NCCI's Experience Rating Plan Manual.
- 6 Details the revisions to the Maine Merit Rating Endorsement (WC 18 04 02 B) in NCCI's *Forms*

Manual.

To become effective in Maine for:

- new and renewal policies with effective dates on and after 12:01 a.m. on July 1, 2023, and
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4 Details the revisions to the rule, Merit Rating Plan application, in NCCI's Basic Manual for Oklahoma.

To become effective in Oklahoma for:

- new and renewal policies with effective dates on and after 12:01 a.m. on July 1, 2023, and · any in-force policy in effect on and
- after July 1, 2023.
- 4 Details the revisions to the Merit Rating Plan Oregon Miscellaneous Rule in NCCI's Experience Rating

Plan Manual.

To become effective in Oregon for:

- new and renewal policies with effective dates on and after 12:01 a.m. on July 1, 2023, and any in-force policy in effect on and
- after July 1, 2023. 4 Details the revisions to the rule, Merit Rating Plan
- application, in NCCI's Basic Manual for South Dakota.

To become effective in South Dakota for:

- new and renewal policies with effective dates on and after 12:01 a.m. on July 1, 2023, and · any in-force policy in effect on and after July 1, 2023.
- 4 Details the revisions to the rule, Merit Rating Plan application, in NCCI's Residual Market Manual for Vermont.

To become effective in Vermont for:

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- anv in-force residual market policy in effect on and after July 1, 2023.

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EXPERIENCE RATING PLAN MANUAL—2003 EDITION

RULE 1—GENERAL EXPLANATIONS

C. DEFINITIONS

(Applies in: AK, AL, AR, AZ, CO, CT, DC, FL, GA, HI, IA, ID, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MO, MS, MT, NC, NE, NH, NM, NV, OK, OR, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, VT, WV)

3. Losses

Incurred losses for each classification in the experience period are those reported according to the **Statistical Plan.**

a. No loss is excluded from the experience of a risk even if the employer was not responsible for the accident that caused such loss.

Exception: Claims that are reported as noncompensable according to the **Statistical Plan** are excluded from experience rating calculations.

Exception: Claims that are reported as fraudulent according to the *Statistical Plan* are excluded from experience rating calculations.

Exception: Claims that are reported as coal mine disease (Black Lung) according to the **Statistical Plan** are excluded from experience rating calculations.

b. Loss amounts may be limited in the experience rating calculation. For application of a loss limitation, refer to Rule 2-C-13.

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STATISTICAL PLAN—2008 EDITION

PART 4—LOSS AND EXPENSE INFORMATION

- E. CLAIM COMPONENTS
- 2. Conditional Claim Components
- a. Catastrophe Number

(Applies in: AK, AL, AR, AZ, CO, CT, DC, FL, GA, HI, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, ME, MO, MS, MT, NE, NH, NM, NV, OK, OR, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, VT, WV)

(2) Extraordinary Loss Event Claims

An Extraordinary Loss Event (ELE) catastrophe is a significant loss event from a workers compensation (WC) perspective, which is determined by NCCI on a case-by-case basis. When an ELE catastrophe code has been established and identified by NCCI, report the specific catastrophe number for each claim. The series of ELE catastrophe numbers are 11–99.

(a) ELE Catastrophe Number 12—COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Pandemic

ELE Catastrophe Number 12 must be reported for claims attributable to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic b-e-g-i-nn-in-g with Accident Dates of 12/1/2019 through 6/30/2023. -an-d--su-b-s-eq-u-e-n-t. For claims

reported with Catastrophe Number 12, the Nature of Injury Code 83–COVID-19 and Cause of Injury Code 83–Pandemic must also be reported.

For claims attributable to COVID-19 (coronavirus) with Accident Dates on and after 7/1/2023, ELE Catastrophe Number 12 must not be reported. These claims must only be reported with Nature of Injury Code 83—COVID-19, and if applicable, these claims are also reported with Cause of Injury Code 83—Pandemic when the description of Pandemic applies to these claims, as described in Part 6 of the *Statistical Plan*.

Refer to NCCI's *Unit Statistical Reporting Guidebook* for additional information.

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PART 4—LOSS AND EXPENSE INFORMATION

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F. ADDITIONAL CLAIM REPORTING RULES

- 1. Claims are reportable when, as of the valuation date, there are loss values in the paid losses, incurred losses, and/or ALAE.
- 2. Claims closed without any payments and ALAE as of the 1st unit report valuation date are not to be reported. If these claims subsequently reopen at a future unit report valuation date with loss values in the paid losses, incurred losses, and/or ALAE, these claims are reportable.
- 3. An accident for one claimant with reportable losses under both Workers Compensation and Employers Liability are to be reported as one claim, with combined loss experience. These claims are to be reported with Type of Claim Code 03 (Workers Compensation Including Employers Liability). Refer to Part 6, Item D-9—Type of Claim Code.
- 4. Claims are reportable for traumatic injuries that occur on an accident date within the policy period.
- 5. Claims are reportable for disease injuries that occur on an accident date within the policy period.
- 6. Claims are reportable for disease injuries where the accident date is not specified, and the claimant's last date of exposure to the conditions causing or aggravating the disease injury is within the policy period.
- 7. Claims with accident dates outside of the policy period that are required to be paid due to an official ruling, and where there is no corresponding exposure, must not be reported.
- 8. An accident for one claimant with reportable losses paid or payable under different coverages or benefits of the policy (e.g., state and federal acts) must be reported as one claim, with combined loss experience. These claims are to be reported with the appropriate Loss Condition Codes. Refer to Part 6, Item D-6—Loss Coverage Act Code.
- 9. Statistical codes that require the reporting of premium and any corresponding losses are identified in the Notes column of Part 6, Item E—Statistical Codes.
- 10. For coronavirus claims attributable to COVID-19:
- Ww-ith Accident Dates o—fon and after 7/1/2023 1–2—/1—/2–0—19– a–n–d– -s–u–b–se–q–u—en—t, report Nature of Injury
- Code 83–COVID-19 as outlined in Part 6 of the *Statistical Plan*. Additionally, report these claims with Cause of Injury Code 83–Pandemic when the description of Pandemic applies to these claims, as described in Part 6 of the *Statistical Plan*. Do not report ELE Catastrophe Number 12–COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Pandemic.
- With Accident Dates of 12/1/2019 through 6/30/2023, report Nature of Injury Code 83—COVID-19, Cause of Injury Code 83—Pandemic, and ELE Catastrophe Number 12—COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Pandemic.

