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To All Members and Subscribers of the WCRIBMA:

Adverse Reaction to Vaccination - Nature of Injury Code

The Workers' Compensation Insurance Organizations (WCIO) have established Nature of Injury Code 38 to identify claims attributed to adverse reactions to vaccinations for COVID-19 and other diseases. In addition, the description to Cause of Injury Code 82 was updated to extend its use to include vaccinations.

WCIO Injury Description Table updates:

- New Nature of Injury Code 38 – Adverse reaction to a vaccination or inoculation
- Added description to Cause of Injury Code 82 – Absorption, Ingestion or Inhalation, NOC

For the purposes of unit statistical data reporting in Massachusetts, adverse reaction to COVID-19 vaccination claims during the pandemic are to be reported with Nature of Injury Code 38 and existing Cause of Injury 83 (Pandemic). Adverse reactions to vaccinations for other diseases are to be reported with Nature of Injury Code 38 and Cause of Injury 82.

Nature of Injury 38 should only be used with Cause of Injury 82 or 83. Claims with Nature of Injury 38 are expected to have accident dates of 12/1/2020 and subsequent.

Please contact the undersigned at asalido@wcribma.org if you have any questions.

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