1.0 Introduction to the Occupational Injury and Illness Classification Manual

The Occupational Injury and Illness Classification Manual provides a classification system for use in coding the case characteristics of injuries, illnesses, and fatalities in the Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses (SOII) and the Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI) programs. This manual contains the rules of selection, code descriptions, code titles, and indices, for the following code structures: Nature of Injury or Illness, Part of Body Affected, Source of Injury or Illness, Event or Exposure, and Secondary Source of Injury or Illness.

The Occupational Injury and Illness Classification System (OIICS) was developed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Classification Structure Team with input from data users and States participating in the BLS Occupational Safety and Health Statistics(OSHS) Federal/State cooperative programs. The original system was released in December 1992. It was approved for use as the American National Standard for Information Management for Occupational Safety and Health in 1995 (ANSI Z16.2—1995) and was updated to incorporate various interpretations and corrections in September 2007.

The Occupational Injury and Illness Classification System contains the following code structures to be used in coding the case characteristics of occupational injuries, illnesses, and fatalities in the SOII and CFOI programs:

- Nature of Injury or Illness
- Part of Body Affected
- Source of Injury or Illness/Secondary Source of Injury or Illness
- Event or Exposure

Each code structure in this manual is presented with and without the code descriptions. The code descriptions provide more detail about the codes themselves. The descriptions are extremely useful in determining the make-up of the code categories--the kind of information that each code is trying to capture. The description often gives examples of the codes that would be selected for rare and unusual injury and illness cases.

After becoming familiar with the code descriptions, the coder will find the code titles and the alpha indices at the end of the manual to be helpful in expediting the coding process.

Exhibit 1.0 gives an overview of the Occupational Injury and Illness Classification Manual.

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