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SECTION 1

Introduction to the Occupational Injury and Illness Classification Manual

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1 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/Secondary Source of Injury or Illness
- Event or Exposure

The Bureau of Labor Statistics' Classification Structure Team developed the original Occupational Injury and Illness Classification System (OIICS) 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).

In September 2007, OSHS staff updated the 1992 OIICS Manual to incorporate various interpretations and corrections. Version 2.0, dated September 2010, is the first major revision since the 1992 manual.

In developing this manual, BLS sought input from many interested parties. In February 2008, a Federal Register Notice on the proposed change to the manual was issued. In addition, the OIICS Revision Team sent out numerous letters and e-mails to users. Based on the initial comments received and other information, the team developed a draft 2010 manual that was disseminated to interested parties in April 2010. The team considered comments received, made revisions, and completed the final manual in September 2010.

Here are some highlights of the differences between version 2.0 and previous versions of the manual.

- Numerous categories have been added, deleted, or modified.
- All codes begin with 1 through 9; that is, no codes begin with 0. This change was undertaken to facilitate the use of OIICS codes in computer systems, and resulted in very few categories having the same code as in the previous manual.
- In the Event category, codes are arranged in order of precedence. This facilitates coding when more than one Event category applies.
- The rules of selection for Source and Secondary Source are now specific to the Event.

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This manual consists of four sections. Section 1 is the table of contents and this introduction. Section 2 contains the definitions, rules of selection, and descriptions for Nature, Part, Source, and Event. Section 3 contains title lists for each of the four OIICS components. Section 4 contains indices for each component.

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