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CIRCULAR LETTER TO ALL MEMBER COMPANIES

Re: Workers Compensation Insurance
Changes to North Carolina Statistical Plan Manual
Introduction of Catastrophe Code 87

The Bureau has adopted and the North Carolina Commissioner of Insurance has approved the introduction of Catastrophe Code 87 for use in North Carolina.

Catastrophe Code 87 (CAT 87) was established by the Property Claim Services (PCS) at the request of the New York Compensation Insurance Rating Board to identify and monitor all occupational disease claims emanating from the rescue, recovery, and clean-up operations at the World Trade Center site that were undertaken from September 11, 2001 to September 12, 2002. Additional information regarding the New York law change that prompted CAT 87 can be found at one of the two following websites:

1. <http://www.wcb.state.ny.us/> - see Bulletin 046-159 as issued by the New York State Workers Compensation Board, and
2. <http://www.nycirb.org/> - see Bulletin RC 2123 as issued by the New York Compensation Insurance Rating Board.

The effective date for use of CAT 87 is February 1, 2007. CAT 87 claims are to be included in your stat plan data but it is required that you identify them as CAT 87. CAT 87 claims should also be included in financial call data. More detailed information about data reporting will be provided in a subsequent circular.

Sincerely,

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