



Tennessee Bureau of Workers' Compensation (TNBWC) EDI Claims Release 3.1
Announcement

**TNBWC Claim Administrators and EDI Vendors - New Nature of Injury Code '38' and
Modified Cause of Injury Code '82'**

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To: TN Claim Administrators and EDI Vendors

The WCIO has updated the Injury Description Tables that are used by the IAIABC to reflect specific coding for ANY adverse reaction to ANY vaccination. A new Nature of Injury Code (Code **38 - Adverse reaction to a vaccination or inoculation**) has been added to address ANY adverse reaction to ANY vaccination.

New Nature of Injury Code: Code 38 should be utilized for an "Adverse reaction to a vaccination or inoculation". This would include adverse reactions that employees are experiencing after receiving any of the COVID-19 vaccines.

Expansion of the definition of "Cause of Injury code 82: Code **82 - Absorption, Ingestion or Inhalation, NOC- Not Otherwise Classified**" in any other code applies only to non-impact cases in which the injury resulted from inhalation, absorption (skin contact), ingestion of harmful substances, or **vaccinations**. This would not apply to someone being vaccinated. Rather, it might apply to someone administering the vaccine.

The IAIABC recommends that EDI reporting and collection systems be modified to recognize these new codes by March 8, 2021. The new Injury Description Tables may be found on the WCIO website, Injury Description Table page at:

<https://www.wcio.org/Document%20Library/InjuryDescriptionTablePage.aspx>.

TNBWC will be ready to accept these new codes as recommended by the IAIABC beginning March 8, 2021.

If you have any questions about the above, please contact the TNBWC EDI Support Team.

Thank you,
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