

Federal Agencies Meeting on Improving External Cause Coding in State Morbidity Data Systems

Date and Time: August 12, 9:30am-12:00pm

Place: Capitol Room, Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert St. N.W., Washington, DC 20008 (hotel reservations, call (202) 234-0700 or 1-800-THE-OMNI)

Sponsored by: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologist (CSTE)

Purpose: To discuss interagency efforts to implement strategies to improve external-cause-of-injury data in state morbidity data systems.

Tentative Agenda

9:30am-9:40am	Introductions – <i>Lee Annest (NCIPC) and Lois Fingerhut (NCHS)</i>
9:40am-9:50am	Welcome and opening remarks – <i>Dr. Ed Sondik, Director, NCHS</i>
9:50am-10:00am	History of External Cause Coding Improvement Activities – <i>Renee L. Johnson (NCIPC)</i>
10:00am-10:35am	Examples of States with high External Cause Coding (one with mandated E-coding (CA) and one without (CO)) discussing (1) what makes it work in their state and (2) how are the E-coded data used at the state and local level for injury surveillance and prevention activities? – <i>Mel Kohn (CSTE), Roger Trent (CA), and Holly Hedegaard (CO)</i>
10:35am-10:50am	AHRQ experience with Healthcare Costs & Utilization Project (HCUP) morbidity data systems in evaluating external cause coding – quality and completeness of data – <i>Claudia Steiner (AHRQ)</i>
10:50am-11:00am	Overview of MMWR-RR Recommended Strategies for Improving E-coding – <i>Lee Annest (CDC)</i>
11:00am-11:10am	Break
11:10am-12:00pm	Open Discussion involving federal agency representatives – <i>facilitated by Lois Fingerhut (NCHS)</i> • How would improving external cause coding in state morbidity data systems help your agency with their data needs? • How can your agency help carry out the strategies (e.g., inform and work with their partners to support the effort; help in developing QA and training materials; provide information to inform policy decisions)? • Next steps: Agencies to provide a synopsis of what activities they are involved in now or possible future activities as a result of this meeting.