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To: Insurers Offering Health Care or Workers Compensation Insurance
From: Todd E. Kiser, Utah Insurance Commissioner
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Subject: **Opioid Prescribing Policy Reporting**

This Bulletin applies to a health insurer, as defined in Utah Code Annotated (UCA) § 31A-22-615.5(1):

"Health insurer" means:

- (i) an insurer who offers health care insurance as that term is defined in Section 31A-1-301;
- (ii) health benefits offered to state employees under Section 49-20-202; and
- (iii) a workers' compensation insurer:
 - (A) authorized to provide workers' compensation insurance in the state; or
 - (B) that is a self-insured employer as defined in Section 34A-2-201.

During the 2017 General Session, the legislature passed HB90, Insurance Opioid Regulation. The bill provides a voluntary framework for a health insurer to incorporate a policy to minimize the risk of opioid addiction and overdose for plans issued or renewed on or after July 1, 2017.

HB90 requires a health insurer to submit a report to the Utah Insurance Department on or before September 1, 2017, and each year thereafter, indicating whether or not the insurer has adopted a opioid policy as described in UCA § 31A-22-615.5(2) and (3). If an opioid policy has been adopted, the report must also include a general description of the policy.

The Department has published on its website at www.insurance.utah.gov/bulletins, the applicable reporting form, Opioid Prescribing Policy Reporting Form. This form is due no later than September 1 of each year. The form includes specific instructions for submission. Failure to file the report by September 1 each year may subject the insurer to the enforcement penalties under Utah Code Annotated § 31A-2-308.

If you have any questions, please contact Daron Funn, dfunn@utah.gov.

DATED this 14th day of July 2017.



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