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

This Bulletin supersedes Bulletin 2017-3. This Bulletin applies to a health insurer, as defined in Utah Code § 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 2020 General Session, the legislature passed HB37, Insurance Amendments, which modified § 31A-22- 615.5(5) and changed the due date for submitting the Opioid Prescribing Policy Report from September 1 to July 15 each year. Section 31A-22- 615.5 requires a health insurer to submit a report to the Utah Insurance Department on or before July 15, 2020, and each year thereafter, indicating whether or not the insurer has adopted an opioid policy as described in §§ 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 July 15 of each year. The form includes specific instructions for submission. Failure to file the report by July 15 each year may subject the insurer to the enforcement penalties under § 31A-2-308.

If you have any questions, please contact the Research Analyst at uid.healthresearch@utah.gov.

DATE this 3rd day of April 2020.

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