



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

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Reporting Notice: Medical Malpractice Insurance Closed Claim Data Collection

Public Act 05-275 (the "Public Act") requires medical malpractice insurers including, but not limited to, captive insurers, surplus lines insurers, risk retention groups and self-insureds (hereafter referred to as "insurers"), to report closed claims data and authorizes the Connecticut Insurance Department (the "Department") to establish a reporting format to be used to capture this data. On October 26, 2005 the Department released its [Data Call Notice](#) advising insurers to commence compiling information for reporting closed claim data to the Department as required by the [Public Act](#).

The Department's Notice informed all insurers that provide or have provided medical malpractice insurance coverage, that the reporting obligation commences with claims closed during the fourth quarter 2005. The report is required to be sent to the Department no later than 10 days after the close of the quarter in a format to be prescribed by the Commissioner. In addition, the Department announced the development of a reporting format and detailed reporting instructions which would be provided to insurers in a subsequent notice.

The Department has developed a reporting tool for insurers to report closed claim data. This reporting tool can be downloaded from the Department's website at the following link: [Medical Malpractice Reporting Tool](#). Instructions for downloading and installing the reporting tool, how to return the data to the Department, and the use of the reporting tool can also be found on this web page.

Before completing the reporting information the Department request that all users first read the "Reporting Users Guide". This guide provides important information on the definition of a "closed claim" as well as explains what data is required on the specific screens.

The Department is asking insurers to follow the following closed claim reporting schedule which we believe will provide a reasonable time frame for completing the closed claim reporting necessary to catch up for the year:

Second Quarter 06 closed claims and Year-end "Yearly information" 2005 due by August 31, 2006.

Third Quarter 06 closed claims due by October 10, 2006.

Fourth Quarter 05 and First Quarter 06 closed claims due by December 31, 2006.

Fourth Quarter 06 closed claims due by January 10, 2007.

The Year-end “Yearly information” for 2006 will be due February 10, 2007

It should be noted that under the Public Act, the Department is required to compile the data included in individual closed claim reports into an aggregated summary format and prepare a written *annual* report of the summary data. The report will provide an analysis of closed claim information including a minimum of five years of comparative data, when available, trends in frequency and severity of claims, itemization of damages, timeliness of the claims process, and any other descriptive or analytical information that would assist in interpreting the trends in closed claims. The Department is required to submit the annual report to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to insurance not later than March 15, 2007, and annually thereafter.

If you need assistance or have questions regarding an insurer’s closed claim-reporting obligations, you may contact the Department at (860) 297-3867, which provides a voice mailbox for receiving messages regarding closed claim reporting, or via e-mail at cid.pc@ct.gov