



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

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REPORTING NOTICE: PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY MEDICAL MALPRACTICE CLOSED CLAIM DATA FOR MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS UNDER PUBLIC ACT NO. 07-25

Public Act No. 07-25¹ (the “Public Act”) expands the scope of closed medical malpractice claims required to be reported to the Insurance Department (the “Department”) to include data for all “medical professionals”. This data is required to be reported effective for medical malpractice claims closed on or after October 1, 2007 which is the effective date of the Public Act. Please note that this list is in addition to the physician, surgeon, physician assistant and advanced practice registered nurse closed claims companies were previously reporting to the Department. If a company had been reporting any of the new “medical professionals” they should continue to do so and follow the same reporting schedule. Those companies that have not been reporting closed claims for the new “medical professionals” will need to follow the schedule outlined at the end of this notice and subsequent reporting requirements found under the Department’s Medical Malpractice reporting website.

Under the Public Act, “medical professionals” are defined by reference to Conn. Gen. Stat. Section 38a-976². Pursuant to that statute, “medical professional” means ***any person licensed or certified to provide health care services to individuals, including but not limited to:***

- *chiropractors*
- *clinical dietitians*
- *clinical psychologists*
- *dentists*
- *nurses*
- *occupational therapists*
- *optometrists*
- *pharmacists*
- *physical therapists*
- *physicians*
- *podiatrists*
- *psychiatric social workers, and*
- *speech therapists.*

¹ Public Act No. 07-25 can be accessed at: [Public Act No. 07-25](#)

² Conn. Gen. Stat. Sec. 38a-976 can be accessed at: [Conn. Gen. Stat. Sec. 38a-976](#)

The Department is in the process of modifying and updating its closed claim data collection reporting tool to include data input fields for the new list of “medical professionals” set forth in the Public Act. The Department anticipates that such updates will be completed and be available for closed claim reporting by the **January 1, 2008. Fourth quarter** 2007 closed claim data for the new list of “medical professionals” is required to be reported to the Department by **January 10, 2008.**

Please continue to monitor the Department’s website at: <https://portal.ct.gov/cid> for further updates concerning the reporting of closed claim data for all “medical professionals”. If you need assistance or have questions regarding an insurer’s closed claim reporting obligations, please 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.