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Title: Association between unemployment rates and prescription drug utilization in the United States, 2007-2010

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Dear Sir or Madam:

On behalf of my co-authors, I would like to submit a revised version of the enclosed manuscript, entitled “Association between unemployment rates and prescription drug utilization in the United States, 2007-2010”, to be considered for publication in BMC Health Services Research. Thank you for your helpful review, and the opportunity to use it to improve the overall clarity and rigor of our report. As requested, with this revision we have provided more information in the Methods section of the manuscript regarding the IMS Health Xponent dataset, as well as references for other major studies that have previously described the use of this dataset.

Given the enduring and far reaching effects of the economic recession, we believe that our findings will be of considerable interest to patients, providers and policy-makers alike.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Daniel Kozman