Repackaged drugs & Physician Dispensing
Repackaged drugs and physician dispensing

- 42 states have addressed through legislation or workers’ compensation reforms
- Florida, Pennsylvania and Wyoming latest states
Physician dispensing/repackaging restrictions

Note – States such as AR, DE, FL, KY, NY, and TN have overlapping workers’ compensation and state Practice Act controls.


Change Alert
WY – Implements requirements on physician dispensing of repackaged drugs

Workers’ compensation statutes/regulations limit physician dispensing and/or repackaging (restrictions on dispensing, billing and/or reimbursement).

Legal restrictions (Practice Act) in addition to workers’ compensation controls

Legal restrictions on physician dispensing (Practice Act)

No clear legal or workers’ compensation limits on physician dispensing and/or repackaging

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Policy impact on the system

- Repackaged drugs and physician dispensing
- Impact to industry, employers or claimants
- Roadmap

Where reforms have taken place results have been positive
## Pharmacy vs. physician repackaged medication payments

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Pharmacy Repackaged</th>
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<td>$50,089,863</td>
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**Source:** Florida DWC Results Report 2017.
Pharmacy vs. Physician repackaged medications

Graph compares drugs billed on DWC-10 forms (dispensed by pharmacies) to drugs billed on DWC-9 forms (dispensed by physicians). Reference to line items also means per prescription.

Future focus and solutions

Repackaged drugs and physician dispensing

- Providers are finding ways to exploit the loopholes
- Varied or specialty dosages
- Pushing into compounds

Impact to industry, employers or claimants

- Develop public policies to limit days supply or treatment time frames for “days from injury”
- Utilize your contracts within your provider networks
- Being addressed in formularies

Roadmap
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