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Government Affairs Alert

February 2008 PMSI Government Affairs Update Capsule

Alabama

- Division of Workers' Compensation makes changes to pharmacy fee schedule - increasing dispensing fees for both brand and generic drugs.

California

- Legislature passes mid year FY08 budget cuts to address budget deficit; cuts reduce reimbursement paid by Medi-Cal to **Medi-Cal** providers by 10% and takes effect July 1, 2008.
- Cuts do not change current Medi-Cal pharmacy reimbursement formula found in statute, and should not impact workers' compensation pharmacy providers.

Delaware

- Medical Advisory Committee continues to meet to create draft rules for medical treatment guidelines and new medical fee schedules; draft release for public review possible mid March.

Florida

- Division of Workers' Compensation enables pharmacist license number edit on state reporting starting February 21, 2008; any bills submitted for state reporting (after edit date) without license number will be rejected.

Maryland

- Medical Advisory Committee continues to work on fee schedule reforms; initial indications point to no impact to pharmacy or DME, but changes to fee schedules for doctors, hospitals and medical services.

Michigan

- Department of Labor and Industry enacts expected changes to fee schedule effective February 29, 2008, which reduces reimbursement formula to AWP – 10% for both brand and generics; creates bifurcated dispensing fee: brand \$3.50, generic \$5.50.

NCPDP

- NCPDP Work Group (WG) #16 (Workers' Compensation) releases first draft of workers' compensation specific Universal Claim Form (UCF) for public review and comment; PMSI continues to work with NCPDP on creation of this worker's compensation-specific UCF.

Oregon

- Workers' Compensation Division releases adopted version of revised fee schedule; includes adopted state reporting requirements (quarterly) and eBilling requirements.
- Timeline for state reporting (testing begins in mid 2008) and eBilling (2009); PMSI set to move forward with state reporting compliance and will begin state reporting testing by mid-2008.

New York

- Workers' Compensation Board releases draft of Permanent Replacement Rule for provision of pharmacy and DME care, to replace current emergency rule.

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- Proposed draft rule makes few changes over existing emergency rule:
 - Fee schedules for pharmacy and DME remain tied to Medicaid.
 - Pharmacy and DME networks, along with Direction of Care retained.
 - Injured Worker Notification documents may now take form of pharmacy or PBM Card, but must include contact info such as, 800 number, website or email.
 - Requirement for posting of network and employer information in retail pharmacies removed.
- Draft rule open for public comment until April 7, 2008; existing emergency rule expires on April 9, 2008.
- TDWC eventually plans to require NPI for state reporting, but will allow usage of legacy numbers for an unknown amount of time, thus allowing stakeholders to properly configure both billing and state reporting systems.
- TDWC postpones stakeholder discussions on UCF until Mid-March; comments on proposed UCF rule (postpone UCF for TDWC-66) due March 19, 2008.
- Public meetings of Formulary Task Force (and creation of WC specific formulary) to begin in March.
 - Matt Foster of PMSI continues to be part of the Formulary Development Task Force.

Texas

- TDWC continues to move forward with NPI requirement for medical bills as of May 23, 2008; PMSI begins moving forward with full compliance efforts.

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