

Government Affairs Alert

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Florida Pharmacist License - State Reporting Requirement

In early 2007, the Florida Department of Workers' Compensation (FL DWC) published language that would have changed the state reporting requirements. The new language was scheduled to take effect on March 8, 2007 and would have required Florida pharmacist license numbers to be included on all state reporting forms.

PMSI and other pharmacy providers and processors immediately shared concerns regarding this reporting requirement with the FL DWC. In response, the FL DWC agreed to postpone mandatory implementation of this reporting requirement until January 1, 2008.

On February 5, 2008, the FL DWC and the Department of Health issued a notice reminding insurers and Medical EDI submitters that the pharmacist license number field on form DFS-F5-DWC-10 (field number 29) is now a required field. This requirement applies to all paper and electronic pharmacy bills, as well as all reporting files submitted to the FL DWC on or after January 1, 2008.

The February 5, 2008 FL DWC notice stated the following:

"As sufficient time has elapsed from the effective date of the administrative rule to add the pharmacist's license number to software and programming applications, and for EDI medical submitters to render educational efforts to insurers and health care providers regarding this data element requirement, this is to advise that the programming edit will go into effect beginning February 21, 2008. Any pharmacy bill with a missing DOH pharmacist's license number submitted to the Division of Workers' Compensation on or after this date will be rejected. Out of State pharmacist's license numbers should continue to be reported as ZZ9999999999. Bills that contain ONLY medical supplies should report DME9999999999 in the pharmacist's license field. Also, each rejected bill is subject to administrative penalty assessments as outlined by the Medical Billing, Filing and Reporting Rule(s)."

PMSI is sharing this important information with clients as a reminder that they, and their state billing and reporting entities, **must now be compliant** with these requirements. Further, PMSI has implemented all necessary billing and state reporting platform enhancements. All bills or state reporting files transmitted with dates of service on or after January 1, 2008 (beginning with the first billing cycle of 2008) contain the required license number and are compliant with DWC requirements.

If you have any questions regarding these requirements or PMSI's compliance, please contact our Government Affairs Department at 813.318.6876.

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