



PHYSICIAN DISPENSING

State-by-state rules – June 2020



2020 Physician dispensing rules by state



Physician dispensing reimbursement protocols – Repackaged / relabeled drugs is lesser of original NDC's Average Wholesale Price (AWP) and repackaged / relabeled NDC's AWP.

Requirement regarding use of original NDC – Repackaged / relabeled drug bills must include original underlying NDC and NDC of repackaged / relabeled product.

Dispensing fee restrictions – Only for pharmacies

Physician dispensing supply limits – N/A

Opioid prescribing limits – N/A



Physician dispensing reimbursement protocols – Enabling statute uses "original manufacturer's invoice," which WCB has interpreted for use of "manufacturer's" AWP.

Requirement regarding use of original NDC – Bills for physician dispensed drugs shall include original manufacturer's NDC.

Dispensing fee restrictions – N/A

Physician dispensing supply limits – N/A

Opioid prescribing limits – Initial opioid prescriptions are limited to a seven-day supply.



Physician dispensing reimbursement protocols – Are based on the AWP of underlying drug product. If information pertaining to original labeler of underlying drug product is not provided or unknown, discretion is vested in payer to select AWP.

Requirement regarding use of original NDC – Bills for physician dispensed drugs shall include NDC of repackaged drug and NDC of original manufacturer.

Dispensing fee restrictions – N/A

Physician dispensing supply limits – Some restrictions per rule – such as must be dispensed within 7 days from DOI and Rx is limited to no more than a one-time, 10-day supply.

Opioid prescribing limits – For CII opioids, five-day supply for initial prescriptions, but up to 14-day supply for initial prescriptions related to surgery.



Physician dispensing reimbursement protocols – Over-the-counters (OTCs) billed by physicians, reimbursement limited to provider's charge or up to 20% above cost of item.

Requirement regarding use of original NDC – N/A

Dispensing fee restrictions – No dispensing fee for physicians

Physician dispensing supply limits – Physicians must obtain a permit and demonstrate need before being approved to dispense.

Opioid prescribing limits – Opioid morphine equivalent dose (MED) level restrictions are based upon formulary requirements.



Physician dispensing reimbursement protocols – If the NDC of dispensed drug not in Medi-Cal but the NDC of the underlying drug from original labeler is, use the NDC of underlying drug for reimbursement. If NDC from the original labeler is also not in Medi-Cal, max fee = 83% of AWP of lowest priced therapeutically equivalent drug (plus relevant dispensing fee). Reimbursement for physician-dispensed compounded medications is not to exceed 300% of documented paid costs, but in no case, more than \$20 above documented paid cost. Reimbursement for physician-dispensed OTCs is not to exceed fee schedule or compound methodology (as applicable), 120% of documented paid cost, or 100% of documented paid cost plus \$250.

Requirement regarding use of original NDC – Refer to reimbursement.

Dispensing fee restrictions – N/A

Physician dispensing supply limits – MTUS Drug Formulary requires Prior Authorization for physician dispensed drugs other than "special and perioperative" fills.

Opioid prescribing limits – Opioid MED level considerations related to the MTUS Opioid and Chronic Pain treatment guidelines.



Physician dispensing reimbursement protocols – For all prescription medications (except topical compounds), if drugs have been repackaged, use original AWP and NDC assigned by source of the repackaged drugs to determine reimbursement. If OTC drug has been repackaged, use original AWP and NDC assigned by source of the repackaged drugs to determine reimbursement.

Requirement regarding use of original NDC – Requires submittal of repackaged and original NDC for repackaged and doctor dispensed medications.

Dispensing fee restrictions – N/A

Physician dispensing supply limits – Prescriber shall not prescribe more than a 60-day supply for all prescription drugs. Opioids classified as Schedule II or III prescribed for treatment lasting more than three days shall be provided through a pharmacy.

Opioid prescribing limits – Initial prescriptions for all opioids shall be limited to no more than a seven-day supply.

 CONNECTICUT

Physician dispensing reimbursement protocols – Reimbursement is lesser of NDC for underlying drug product from original manufacturer/labeler or therapeutic equivalent drug product from original manufacturer/labeler NDC.

Requirement regarding use of original NDC – If information on original manufacturer/labeler of underlying drug product is not provided or unknown, discretion vested in payor to select NDC and associated AWP when calculating reimbursement.

Dispensing fee restrictions – N/A

Physician dispensing supply limits – N/A

Opioid prescribing limits – First time opioid prescriptions limited to a seven-day supply (includes exemptions for chronic pain).

 DELAWARE

Physician dispensing reimbursement protocols – If prescription drug / medicine repackaged, AWP used for reimbursement shall be AWP for underlying drug product, as identified by its NDC, from original labeler.

Requirement regarding use of original NDC – If prescription drug / medicine repackaged, AWP used for reimbursement shall be AWP for underlying drug product, as identified by its NDC, from original labeler.

Dispensing fee restrictions – Physicians dispensing from their office do not receive a dispensing fee.

Physician dispensing supply limits – No practitioner shall dispense controlled substances beyond the amount deemed medically necessary for a 72-hour supply (non-WC-specific practice requirement – see 16 Del. C. §4739A).

Opioid prescribing limits – Initial opioid prescriptions for acute pain are limited to a seven-day supply.

 FLORIDA

Physician dispensing reimbursement protocols – Drugs dispensed by a “dispensing practitioner” calculated by multiplying units dispensed by per-unit AWP set by original manufacturer of underlying drug dispensed at the specific practitioner fee schedule.

Requirement regarding use of original NDC – All bills submitted for repackaged / relabeled prescription drugs must include original manufacturer NDC (dispensed NDC also required by rules) – applies to physicians / practitioners.

Dispensing fee restrictions – Specific \$8.00 dispensing fee for dispensing practitioners.

Physician dispensing supply limits – Physicians prohibited from dispensing Schedules II and III, with limited exceptions (non-WC-specific) (Statute: FS 465.0276). For an opioid drug listed as a Schedule II, the dispensing practitioner shall not dispense an amount more than a three-day supply for treatment of acute pain, or a seven-day supply if previous criteria met. For a Schedule III, the amount dispensed may not exceed a 14-day supply.

Opioid prescribing limits – Prescriptions for a Schedule II opioid to treat acute pain limited to three-day supply with exceptions up to seven-day supply.



Physician dispensing reimbursement protocols – Reimbursement is based on current published manufacturer’s AWP on the date of dispense.

Requirement regarding use of original NDC – Repackaged drug bills must include NDC of original manufacturer or distributor’s stock package used in repackaging process.

Dispensing fee restrictions – N/A

Physician dispensing supply limits – N/A

Opioid prescribing limits – N/A



Physician dispensing reimbursement protocols – Repackaged medications at fee schedule of AWP + 40%.

Requirement regarding use of original NDC – Claims for repackaged / relabeled medications shall include NDC of the original manufacturer. If not provided / unknown, reimbursement shall be 140% of AWP for the original manufacturer’s NDC of the prescription drug that is most closely related to the underlying drug product.

Dispensing fee restrictions – N/A

Physician dispensing supply limits – N/A

Opioid prescribing limits – Limits co-prescribing of benzodiazepines and opioids to no more than a seven-day supply.



Physician dispensing reimbursement protocols – Reimbursement to physicians for repackaged drugs based on AWP of original manufacturer.

Requirement regarding use of original NDC – Reimbursement to physicians for repackaged drugs based on AWP of original manufacturer.

Dispensing fee restrictions – Physicians not reimbursed a dispensing fee or compounding fee.

Physician dispensing supply limits – N/A

Opioid prescribing limits – N/A



Physician dispensing reimbursement protocols – N/A

Requirement regarding use of original NDC – N/A

Dispensing fee restrictions – N/A

Physician dispensing supply limits – N/A

Opioid prescribing limits – N/A



Physician dispensing reimbursement protocols – Reimbursement for repackaged prescription drugs (not OTC) dispensed by entity / person other than retail or mail pharmacy (e.g., physician) = use AWP set by original manufacturer. If NDC cannot be determined from bill / statement, max reimbursement = lowest cost generic for prescribed / dispensed prescription drug.

Requirement regarding use of original NDC – If NDC cannot be determined from bill / statement, max reimbursement = lowest cost generic for prescribed / dispensed prescription drug.

Dispensing fee restrictions – N/A

Physician dispensing supply limits – Physicians only receive reimbursement for medications dispensed during the first seven days, including the date of injury.

Opioid prescribing limits – Initial opioid prescription limited to a seven-day supply.



Physician dispensing reimbursement protocols – Prescription filled / dispensed outside of licensed pharmacy = AWP + \$4.18.

Requirement regarding use of original NDC – Repackaged prescription filled / dispensed outside of licensed pharmacy, use AWP for underlying drug product, as identified by its NDC from original labeler, for reimbursement.

Dispensing fee restrictions – N/A

Physician dispensing supply limits – N/A

Opioid prescribing limits – N/A


KANSAS

Physician dispensing reimbursement protocols – Physician dispensed medications reimbursed same as pharmacies — based on original manufacturer NDC (also require prior approval of employer / carrier).

Requirement regarding use of original NDC – Physician dispensed medications reimbursed same as pharmacies — based on original manufacturer NDC (also require prior approval of employer / carrier).

Dispensing fee restrictions – N/A

Physician dispensing supply limits – Physician dispensed medications require prior authorization from employer / carrier.

Opioid prescribing limits – N/A


KENTUCKY

Physician dispensing reimbursement protocols – Physician dispensed medications reimbursed same as pharmacies — based on original manufacturer NDC (also require prior approval of employer / carrier).

Requirement regarding use of original NDC – Physician dispensed medications reimbursed same as pharmacies — based on original manufacturer NDC (also require prior approval of employer / carrier).

Dispensing fee restrictions – Dispense fee only payable to licensed pharmacist.

Physician dispensing supply limits – KY controlled substances law, KRS 311.565(1)(a): Practitioners prohibited from dispensing more than a 48-hour supply of any Schedule II or III containing hydrocodone unless done as part of an opioid treatment program licensed by state's Cabinet for Health and Family Services (physician cannot avoid limit by dispensing on consecutive or multiple occasions either — per rule: 201 KAR 9:220).

Opioid prescribing limits – Schedule II opioid analgesics to treat acute pain limited to a three-day supply.


LOUISIANA

Physician dispensing reimbursement protocols – N/A

Requirement regarding use of original NDC – N/A

Dispensing fee restrictions – N/A

Physician dispensing supply limits – Physicians may only dispense controlled substances or drugs of concern if registered as a dispensing physician and only up to a single 48-hour supply (non-WC-specific) (LAC Title 46, Part XLV, Subpart 3, Ch. 65, Sec. 6503 — 6506).

Opioid prescribing limits – First time opioid prescription for acute pain limited to a seven-day supply.



Physician dispensing reimbursement protocols – N/A

Requirement regarding use of original NDC – N/A

Dispensing fee restrictions – N/A

Physician dispensing supply limits – N/A

Opioid prescribing limits – Prescriptions for acute pain limited to a seven-day supply with a 30-day supply for chronic pain.



Physician dispensing reimbursement protocols – For products / services without established fee schedule, carriers “shall assign a relative value to the product or service” — may base on nationally recognized and published relative value studies or on values assigned for services involving similar work or resources (subject to dispute by provider with MWCC).

Requirement regarding use of original NDC – N/A

Dispensing fee restrictions – N/A

Physician dispensing supply limits – N/A

Opioid prescribing limits – Opioid prescriptions limited to the lowest effective dose and a quantity no greater than what is needed to treat the pain.



Physician dispensing reimbursement protocols – N/A

Requirement regarding use of original NDC – N/A

Dispensing fee restrictions – N/A

Physician dispensing supply limits – Physician dispensing permitted only when necessary for immediate and proper treatment until possible for patient to have prescription filled by pharmacy (non-WC-specific) [General Laws Part I Title XV Ch 94C Sec 9(b)].

Opioid prescribing limits – First time opioid prescription limited to a seven-day supply.



Physician dispensing reimbursement protocols – Repackaged: Reimbursement based on original manufacturer's NDC.

Requirement regarding use of original NDC – Bills shall include original manufacturer or distributor stock package NDC. When original manufacturer NDC not available and billed using unlisted or not otherwise specified code, payer shall select most closely related NDC for reimbursement.

Dispensing fee restrictions – No dispensing fee for OTCs.

Physician dispensing supply limits – OTCs dispensed by provider other than pharmacy shall be dispensed in 10-day quantities and be reimbursed at AWP or \$2.50, whichever is greater.

Opioid prescribing limits – Prescriptions for acute pain limited to a seven-day supply.



Physician dispensing reimbursement protocols – N/A

Requirement regarding use of original NDC – N/A

Dispensing fee restrictions – N/A

Physician dispensing supply limits – Physician dispensing permitted if not for profit, or if for profit; must file with practitioner's licensing board a statement indicating practitioner dispenses legend drugs for profit, general circumstances under which practitioner dispenses for profit, and types of legend drugs generally dispensed (MN Statutes 151.37).

Opioid prescribing limits – Opioids prescribed to treat acute pain shall be limited to a seven-day supply.



Physician dispensing reimbursement protocols – Repackaged = lesser of AWP using NDC for underlying drug product from original labeler or therapeutic equivalent drug product from original labeler.

Requirement regarding use of original NDC – Providers shall submit both the repackaged and original manufacturer's NDC.

Dispensing fee restrictions – Dispense fees not payable to physicians – only registered pharmacists.

Physician dispensing supply limits – N/A

Opioid prescribing limits – Benzos prescriptions must be limited to a one-month supply with no more than two refills for a 90-day supply.


MISSOURI

Physician dispensing reimbursement protocols – N/A

Requirement regarding use of original NDC – N/A

Dispensing fee restrictions – N/A

Physician dispensing supply limits – N/A

Opioid prescribing limits – Initial prescriptions for an opioid shall be limited to a seven-day supply.


MONTANA

Physician dispensing reimbursement protocols – N/A

Requirement regarding use of original NDC – N/A

Dispensing fee restrictions – N/A

Physician dispensing supply limits – Physician dispensing limited to certain exceptions, including dispensing a drug to a patient whenever there is no community pharmacy available to the patient, dispensing an opioid antagonist, and others (non-WC-specific) (Montana Code Ann. Sec. 37-2-104).

Opioid prescribing limits – Opioids prescribed to treat acute pain shall be limited to a seven-day supply.


NEBRASKA

Physician dispensing reimbursement protocols – N/A

Requirement regarding use of original NDC – N/A

Dispensing fee restrictions – N/A

Physician dispensing supply limits – N/A

Opioid prescribing limits – N/A



Physician dispensing reimbursement protocols – Provider of health care who provides care on an outpatient basis may not charge an insurer or seek reimbursement for dispensing a non-prescription drug to a patient.

Requirement regarding use of original NDC – Provider of health care shall include the original manufacturer’s NDC on all bills and reports submitted to an insurer. A repackaged NDC must not be used and must not be considered an original manufacturer’s NDC.

Dispensing fee restrictions – N/A

Physician dispensing supply limits – Provider of health care (physicians, nurses, therapists, etc. — but not pharmacists) may dispense an “initial supply” (quantity that when used as prescribed does not exceed a 15-day supply and that is provided on a one-time basis) of a controlled substance listed in Schedule II or III by the NV BOP to a patient. Any controlled substances prescribed to patient beyond the initial supply must be filled by a pharmacy registered with NV BOP.

Opioid prescribing limits – Initial prescriptions for any CII-CV that is an opioid are limited to a 14-day supply and shall not exceed 90 MEDs.



Physician dispensing reimbursement protocols – N/A

Requirement regarding use of original NDC – N/A

Dispensing fee restrictions – N/A

Physician dispensing supply limits – N/A

Opioid prescribing limits – Prescriptions for opioids written for acute pain in outpatient setting (ER or Urgent Care) are limited to a seven-day supply.



Physician dispensing reimbursement protocols – N/A

Requirement regarding use of original NDC – N/A

Dispensing fee restrictions – N/A

Physician dispensing supply limits – Physicians limited to dispensing only seven-day supply unless 10 miles from nearest pharmacy and certain other listed exemptions. Additional limit on charge (non-WC-specific) (Statutes 45:9-22.11).

Opioid prescribing limits – Initial prescriptions for opioids limited to a five-day supply.



Physician dispensing reimbursement protocols – Provider (physician) dispense = AWP – 10%, no DF. Provider-dispensed (physician) medications not to exceed cost of generic equivalent.

Requirement regarding use of original NDC – N/A

Dispensing fee restrictions – No dispensing fee for physicians.

Physician dispensing supply limits – Initial provider (physician) dispense not more than 10 days for new prescriptions.

Opioid prescribing limits – N/A



Physician dispensing reimbursement protocols – Repackaged drugs / medications: reimbursed based on AWP for underlying drug product used in drug repackaging (if underlying / original NDC not provided, payor may identify it to calculate reimbursement).

Requirement regarding use of original NDC – Repackaged drugs / medications: reimbursed based on AWP for underlying drug product used in drug repackaging (if underlying / original NDC not provided, payor may identify it to calculate reimbursement).

Dispensing fee restrictions – N/A

Physician dispensing supply limits – Physicians cannot dispense more than a 72-hour supply, with certain limited exceptions (non-WC-specific, but also called out in WC fee schedule) (New York Education Law Sec. 6807, Subd. 2).

Opioid prescribing limits – Initial prescriptions for acute pain are limited to a seven-day supply.



Physician dispensing reimbursement protocols – If original NDC not included, reimbursement limited to 100% of the AWP of the least expensive clinically equivalent drug.

Requirement regarding use of original NDC – Original manufacturer's NDC required on bills for all prescription drugs and prescribed OTC drugs. Repackaged NDC may not be individually used on bill, but may only appear in conjunction with manufacturer's NDC.

Dispensing fee restrictions – N/A

Physician dispensing supply limits – Other than a licensed pharmacy, no outpatient health care provider may receive reimbursement for a Schedule II – V controlled substance dispensed for more than an initial five-day supply, commencing upon the employee's initial treatment following injury.

Opioid prescribing limits – Initial prescriptions to treat acute pain shall be limited to a five-day supply.



NORTH DAKOTA

Physician dispensing reimbursement protocols – Physicians can dispense to patients (held to same rules as pharmacies, including submission of bills electronically to WSI's PBM vendor).

Requirement regarding use of original NDC – N/A

Dispensing fee restrictions – N/A

Physician dispensing supply limits – Physicians can dispense to claimants (held to same rules as pharmacies, including submission of bills electronically to WSI's PBM vendor).

Opioid prescribing limits – N/A



OHIO

Physician dispensing reimbursement protocols – State Fund – Drugs supplied to patient in physician's office not considered outpatient medication and not reimbursed by either BWC or MCOs; BWC will not approve payment for samples or other medications dispensed by a treating physician. Self Insured – For repackaged brand medications, product cost component shall be calculated using AWP of original labeler (repackaged generics not addressed).

Requirement regarding use of original NDC – N/A

Dispensing fee restrictions – Only pharmacy providers are eligible for dispense fee.

Physician dispensing supply limits – N/A

Opioid prescribing limits – Initial prescriptions for acute pain are limited to a seven-day supply.



OKLAHOMA

Physician dispensing reimbursement protocols – Physician dispensed (non-repackaged) reimbursed at lesser of AWP – 10%, amount for drug at payer's contracted rate with a mail order provider (if any) at time of dispense, or amount for drug obtained at retail pharmacy (per general pharmacy reimbursement rate). Repackaged drugs = lesser of AWP for original labeler's NDC – 10% or AWP of lowest cost therapeutic equivalent drug product – 10%.

Requirement regarding use of original NDC – N/A

Dispensing fee restrictions – After February 14, 2014 = \$5.00

Physician dispensing supply limits – N/A

Opioid prescribing limits – Initial prescriptions for acute pain are limited to a seven-day supply.



Physician dispensing reimbursement protocols – Compensability of physician and nurse practitioner dispensing of drugs / medicine for oral consumption limited to initial 10-day supply except in emergency.

Requirement regarding use of original NDC – N/A

Dispensing fee restrictions – N/A

Physician dispensing supply limits – Compensability of physician and nurse practitioner dispensing of drugs / medicine for oral consumption limited to initial 10-day supply except in emergency.

Opioid prescribing limits – Specific to workers' compensation, a physician clinical justification form to carrier is required for a prescription for more than five days of: Celebrex, Cymbalta, Fentora, Kadian, Lidoderm, Lyrica, and OxyContin (lack of this cannot be used to deny payment).



Physician dispensing reimbursement protocols – Physicians may not seek reimbursement more than fee schedule as determined by original manufacturer's NDC.

Requirement regarding use of original NDC – Physicians include original manufacturer's NDC on bills. If original manufacturer's NDC is not included on bill, reimbursement limited to 110% of AWP of the least expensive clinically equivalent drug.

Dispensing fee restrictions – N/A

Physician dispensing supply limits – Outpatient providers, other than licensed pharmacies, may not seek reimbursement for C-II more than one initial seven-day supply commencing upon patient's "initial treatment" by a provider for specific WC claim (should patient require a "medical procedure", including surgery, one additional 15-day supply permitted commencing on date of procedure). May not seek reimbursement for any other prescription drug more than one initial 30-day supply, commencing upon patient's initial treatment by a provider for specific WC claim. May not seek reimbursement for an OTC drug.

Opioid prescribing limits – WC Opioid Treatment Guidelines recommend initial prescriptions for opioids should not exceed a seven-day supply.



Physician dispensing reimbursement protocols – N/A

Requirement regarding use of original NDC – N/A

Dispensing fee restrictions – N/A

Physician dispensing supply limits – Pharmaceuticals may be billed through a provider setting only if the provider administers the pharmaceutical (e.g., injectables).

Opioid prescribing limits – Initial prescriptions for acute pain management shall not exceed 30 MEDs for a total of 20 day doses.



SOUTH CAROLINA

Physician dispensing reimbursement protocols – Repackaged drugs required to be billed with original manufacturer’s NDC and reimbursed according to it. If original NDC not provided / unknown, payor shall select most reasonable and closely associated AWP to use.

Requirement regarding use of original NDC – Repackaged drugs required to be billed with original manufacturer’s NDC and reimbursed according to it. If original NDC not provided / unknown, payor shall select most reasonable and closely associated AWP to use.

Dispensing fee restrictions – N/A

Physician dispensing supply limits – N/A

Opioid prescribing limits – Initial prescriptions for acute pain are limited to a seven-day supply.



SOUTH DAKOTA

Physician dispensing reimbursement protocols – N/A

Requirement regarding use of original NDC – N/A

Dispensing fee restrictions – N/A

Physician dispensing supply limits – N/A

Opioid prescribing limits – N/A



TENNESSEE

Physician dispensing reimbursement protocols – Reimbursement based on current published manufacturer’s AWP of product / ingredient, calculated on a per-unit basis, as of date of dispensing. Only the original manufacturer’s NDC should be used in determining AWP.

Requirement regarding use of original NDC – All bills must include NDC of original manufacturer registered with FDA or its authorized distributor’s stock package used in repackaging / compounding. If original manufacturer’s NDC not provided on bill, reimbursement based on AWP of lowest priced therapeutically equivalent drug, calculated on per-unit basis.

Dispensing fee restrictions – Physician should not receive dispense fee.

Physician dispensing supply limits – Dispensing controlled substances by practitioners in pain management clinic prohibited (non-WC specific) in most cases (see TN code §63-1-313). In addition, “health care prescriber” may not dispense an opioid or benzodiazepine except for several listed exceptions (see TN code § 63-1-154).

Opioid prescribing limits – Initial prescriptions of opioids shall not exceed a three-day supply and 180 MEDs.



Physician dispensing reimbursement protocols – N/A

Requirement regarding use of original NDC – N/A

Dispensing fee restrictions – N/A

Physician dispensing supply limits – Physician dispensing permitted only to meet patient’s immediate needs unless in “rural” area (non-WC-specific) (Statute: Occupations Code Title 3 Subtitle B Chapter 158).

Opioid prescribing limits – Prescriptions for acute pain shall not exceed a 10-day supply and shall not be issued a refill.



Physician dispensing reimbursement protocols – N/A

Requirement regarding use of original NDC – N/A

Dispensing fee restrictions – N/A

Physician dispensing supply limits – Physician dispensing not permitted unless administering or for certain very limited circumstances (non-WC-specific) (Pharmacy Practice Act, 58-17b).

Opioid prescribing limits – Schedule II and III prescriptions of opiates for an acute condition shall not exceed a seven-day supply.



Physician dispensing reimbursement protocols – N/A

Requirement regarding use of original NDC – N/A

Dispensing fee restrictions – N/A

Physician dispensing supply limits – N/A

Opioid prescribing limits – Prescriptions for acute pain shall not exceed a maximum of 50 MEDs for a seven-day supply.



Physician dispensing reimbursement protocols – N/A

Requirement regarding use of original NDC – N/A

Dispensing fee restrictions – N/A

Physician dispensing supply limits – Physician dispensing permitted only with certain specified limits (samples, emergency, not available) unless licensed by Board of Pharmacy (Code 54.1-3301, et al); BOP offers two types of licenses to physicians.

Opioid prescribing limits – Prescriptions for acute pain shall not exceed a seven-day supply.



Physician dispensing reimbursement protocols – N/A

Requirement regarding use of original NDC – N/A

Dispensing fee restrictions – N/A

Physician dispensing supply limits – L&I (state fund) does not pay for medication dispensed in physician's office. L&I (state fund) policy is to not pay for repackaged drugs (effective 9/1/12).

Opioid prescribing limits – Prescriptions for acute pain shall not exceed a seven-day supply.



Physician dispensing reimbursement protocols – For workers' compensation specifically: Legend drugs dispensed by physicians will not be reimbursed except in emergency situations (see WV Rules §85-20-14).

Requirement regarding use of original NDC – N/A

Dispensing fee restrictions – N/A

Physician dispensing supply limits – From practice law: The quantity (of a controlled substance) dispensed by a prescribing practitioner to his/her own patient may not exceed an amount adequate to treat patient for a max of 72 hours with no more than two 72-hour cycles dispensed in any 15-day period of time (Code of WV §60A-9-4) (Additional rules in 11CSR5).

Opioid prescribing limits – Initial opioid prescriptions shall be restricted to a seven-day supply at the lowest effective dosage.



Physician dispensing reimbursement protocols – Fee schedule also applies to prescription drugs dispensed outside of a licensed pharmacy.

Requirement regarding use of original NDC – N/A

Dispensing fee restrictions – Dispensing fee only payable to pharmacist.

Physician dispensing supply limits – N/A

Opioid prescribing limits – N/A



Physician dispensing reimbursement protocols – If the pharmaceutical is repackaged, as determined by the NDC for the product dispensed, reimbursement shall be calculated using the AWP of the lowest cost therapeutic equivalent product. If a pharmaceutical intended for outpatient use is dispensed through the office of a medical care provider, reimbursement will be calculated equivalent to the reimbursement provided to a retail pharmacy. Health care providers directly dispensing prescriptions will be paid based on the original manufacturer's NDC and the WY fee schedule for pharmaceuticals.

Requirement regarding use of original NDC – Bills must contain both NDCs.

Dispensing fee restrictions – N/A

Physician dispensing supply limits – N/A

Opioid prescribing limits – Prescriptions for acute pain to opioid naïve patients limited to a seven-day supply.



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