



LEGISLATIVE ALERT

DisposeRx Participating in Ohio Workers' Compensation Drug Disposal Program

Pharmacies can select their preferred product

THIS MESSAGE IS INTENDED TO CLARIFY ANY CONFUSION CREATED BY A RECENT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE OHIO GOVERNOR AND BUREAU OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION REGARDING A MANDATED DRUG DISPOSAL PROGRAM FOR INJURED WORKERS.

DISPOSERX IS AN OPTION FOR THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION PROGRAM AND CAN BE DISPENSED AS OUTLINED AND MANDATED IN THE PROGRAM.

On October 17, 2019, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and the Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) issued a press release announcing a mandated drug disposal program for workers who receive an opioid prescription for the first time. Each injured worker is to receive a drug disposal device along with his or her prescription filled at any Ohio pharmacy; BWC is to reimburse the pharmacy for the device.

Only one supplier was referenced in the release. DisposeRx—a far less expensive solution that is readily available in more than 1,100 pharmacies in Ohio, including Kroger, Walgreens, Walmart and Rite Aid—was omitted.

Once made aware of other product options, the Governor's office and BWC made the decision to expand the suppliers for the program, which now will include DisposeRx. Pharmacies should have received an amended notice (*please see correspondence below*) regarding the mandate.

If you receive conflicting information about the BWC program, or should you need further clarification, please reach out to Ben Donaldson, DisposeRx SVP Government Relations, bdonaldson@disposerx.com, (859) 537-2218 or Jeff Bekos, DisposeRx SVP Business Development, jbekos@disposerx.com, (215) 262-2596.

Latest Correspondence to Pharmacies/Pharmacists from Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation:

Dear Pharmacist,

Beginning Nov. 1, 2019, the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation will reimburse pharmacies that dispense a drug disposal system to injured workers receiving an opioid prescription for the first time in the previous 12 months.

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The pharmacy will be notified that an injured worker is eligible when the opioid prescription is billed to our pharmacy benefits manager (PBM), Change Healthcare. Soft messaging will appear indicating the pharmacist should dispense a drug disposal system. It is important the opioid prescription is billed first, followed by the disposal product.

The pharmacist should bill the disposal system electronically to BWC through the PBM. The pharmacist does not need a prescription and should use the pharmacy information in the prescriber fields on the bill. For billing, please use BIN 012592, PCN OHBWC.

The following NDC's will be covered for eligible injured workers:

- * 64583-0000-30, Deterra® Pouch SP
- * 64583-0000-31, Deterra® Pouch MP
- * 64584-0000-40, DisposeRx®

There is a 7-day window following the opioid prescription to provide a drug disposal system to eligible injured workers. This will provide time to order the product if the pharmacy is out of stock.

BWC has a MAC of \$10.50 for these products, effective Nov. 1, 2019. As with any MAC, this amount may change in the future.

If the pharmacist receives a rejection message when a bill for a drug disposal bag is submitted, it could mean the injured worker is not eligible for a bag. The pharmacy may call the BWC Pharmacy Department Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. – 4:45 p.m., EST, at 877-543-6446, or Change Healthcare 24/7 at 888-292-5229 for assistance with billing or questions about this program.

Sincerely,
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Pharmacy Program Director

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