Workers' Comp

State-By-State Pharmacy Rule Updates Related to COVID-19

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In the wake of COVID-19, a number of states have begun relaxing time frames and other rules around the provision of care for their citizens, including injured workers. Almost every state has declared an emergency in an effort to secure their share of federal disaster relief funds related to the outbreak. This declaration allows for the governors and agencies to adapt to the evolving crisis.

In an effort to support social distancing, states are relaxing rules on telemedicine and allowing for its broader use. Many states are allowing pharmacies to fill medications early and to obtain life-saving medication refills even if the prescription has expired. In keeping with these changes, Mitchell ScriptAdvisor has enacted its emergency protocols nationally, allowing for early refills and longer refills to maintain care continuity for injured workers.

Specific to workers' compensation, many of the reporting and billing time frames are being waived for the near future. Agency hearings and other administrative proceedings are being handled electronically or are being postponed. The workers' compensation agencies across the country have transitioned to a home-based work environment for most, if not all, of their staff, but they are still fielding questions and reacting to the changing guidance from the CDC. Right now, the situation in most states is changing daily.

COVID-19 resources for the states and their workers' compensation agencies are at the links below:

State	Guidance	Workers' Comp Specific
Alabama	General State Guidance	None
Alaska	General State Guidance	Workers' Comp Specific
Arizona	General State Guidance	None
Arkansas	General State Guidance	None
California	General State Guidance	Workers' Comp Specific

State	Guidance	Workers' Comp Specific
Colorado	General State Guidance	Workers' Comp Specific
Connecticut	General State Guidance	Workers' Comp Specific
Delaware	General State Guidance	None
Florida	General State Guidance	None
Georgia	General State Guidance	Workers' Comp Specific
Hawaii	General State Guidance	None
Idaho	General State Guidance	Workers' Comp Specific
Illinois	General State Guidance	Workers' Comp Specific
Indiana	General State Guidance	Workers' Comp Specific
Iowa	General State Guidance	Workers' Comp Specific
Kansas	General State Guidance	None
Kentucky	General State Guidance	None
Louisiana	General State Guidance	Workers' Comp Specific
Maine	General State Guidance	Workers' Comp Specific
Maryland	General State Guidance	Workers' Comp Specific
Massachusetts	General State Guidance	Workers' Comp Specific
Michigan	General State Guidance	Workers' Comp Specific
Minnesota	General State Guidance	Workers' Comp Specific
Mississippi	General State Guidance	Workers' Comp Specific
Missouri	General State Guidance	Workers' Comp Specific
Montana	General State Guidance	Workers' Comp Specific
Nebraska	General State Guidance	None
Nevada	General State Guidance	None
New Hampshire	General State Guidance	None
New Jersey	General State Guidance	Workers' Comp Specific
New Mexico	General State Guidance	Workers' Comp Specific
New York	General State Guidance	Workers' Comp Specific
North Carolina	General State Guidance	Workers' Comp Specific
North Dakota	General State Guidance	Workers' Comp Specific
Ohio	General State Guidance	Workers' Comp Specific
Oklahoma	General State Guidance	Workers' Comp Specific
Oregon	General State Guidance	Workers' Comp Specific
Pennsylvania	General State Guidance	Workers' Comp Specific
Rhode Island	General State Guidance	Workers' Comp Specific
South Carolina	General State Guidance	Workers' Comp Specific
South Dakota	General State Guidance	None
Tennessee	General State Guidance	Workers' Comp Specific
Texas	General State Guidance	Workers' Comp Specific
Utah	General State Guidance	None
Vermont	General State Guidance	Workers' Comp Specific

State	Guidance	Workers' Comp Specific
Virginia	General State Guidance	Workers' Comp Specific
Washington	General State Guidance	None
West Virginia	General State Guidance	None
Wisconsin	General State Guidance	None
Wyoming	General State Guidance	Workers' Comp Specific



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