Comprehensive Pharmacy Review

Did you know that workers’ compensation medical costs per claim average more than $6,000 and increase to nearly $25,000 for lost-time claims? Or that prescription drugs make up approximately 19% of workers’ compensation medical costs? The cost of narcotics alone for workers’ compensation claims in 2012 will cost employers and insurers over $1 billion, the bulk of which is spent on opioids. And for those claimants on chronic pain management, opioid abuse occurs in up to 41% of patients.

GENEX’s Solution: Comprehensive Pharmacy Review (CPR)

Our CPR is a detailed clinical analysis of a claimant’s pharmacy utilization and prescribing provider’s treatment plan followed by peer-to-peer outreach.

This includes review of:
- current treatment patterns
- recommendations for future prescribing patterns
- provider education on evidence-based medical guidelines recommendations
- relevancy of these recommendations to the ongoing medication regimen

Benefits
- Specialized team of board-certified, active practice peer reviewers with enhanced pharmacological experience
- Determine medications appropriate for and/or related to the claim
- Facilitate weaning off, tapering, and discontinuation of unrelated and/or inappropriate medications
- Ensure pharmacological management is consistent with appropriate evidence-based guidelines related to Schedule II Drugs or opioid dosing
- Partnership with the prescribing physician to transition to an optimal treatment plan
- Case manager promotes compliance with the negotiated treatment plan

Features
- Peer-to-peer consultation, negotiation, and agreement
- Clinical summary
- Breakdown of medications
- Detailed titration schedule
- Cited guidelines
- Cost savings analysis
Red Flags
Following are examples of situations where our CPR would be best utilized:

- Prescription costs increasing faster than other medical costs on the claim without improvement in the claimant’s functional status
- Prescriptions (Rx) from 3 or more providers/pharmacies
- Morphine equivalent dose >120mg, or an increase of >50% from previous fill
- Medications prescribed to date are not supported by clinical guidelines
- Reported pain levels do not match the reported injury
- Unable to obtain a clear treatment plan from the prescribing provider
- Long-acting opioid utilized between 1 - 6 months from DOI
- 2 or more long-acting opioids
- Monthly Rx spend > $750
- Customized referral triggers

Why GENEX?
GENEX has a dedicated service unit which handles all CPR referrals. Our experienced staff handles the coordination of the peer-to-peer consultation, negotiation, agreement, and Concurrence letter. Our case management follow-up and intervention is a key component to a successful outcome. And, with the comprehensive pharmacy review report and cost savings analysis, you can better track your medical spend on prescription drugs.

For more information, or to make a referral, email us at: MCFR@genexservices.com