



September 1, 2009

Dear MDCPS Provider:

REPRICING OF DRUGS DISPENSED BY DISPENSING PRACTITIONERS

This letter is another ongoing communication to our preferred providers, and it is being sent in follow up to the attached July 2, 2009 letter.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (MDCPS) and Gallagher Bassett Services, Inc. (GB) thank you for your continued partnership as we strive to provide prompt and quality care to MDCPS injured workers.

In our previous letter, we asked that you take full advantage of the quality services within our pharmacy benefit management (PBM) vendor, First Script.

First Script advantages include:

- The allowance of strategic dosing which, in many instances, is not allowed by the pre-packaged pharmaceuticals.
- The ability to track drug interactions, dosing concerns and multiple physicians prescribing medications. The ability to provide these valuable services is lost when pre-packaged pharmaceuticals are not delivered through First Script.
- The ability of an injured employee to seek counsel from a licensed pharmacist.
- The avoidance of unnecessary cost because the pricing of pre-packaged drugs dispensed in a physician's office is, in some cases, in excess of 100-300% what the cost of the same drug would be through First Script.

As you probably recall, MDCPS is self-insured for workers' compensation. The additional cost of pre-packaged drugs dispensed in a physician's office reduces the amount of funds otherwise available to educate the children of Miami-Dade County and is ultimately borne by the citizen's of Miami-Dade County.

While we are willing to continue to cover prescriptions dispensed from your office, we are not willing to continue to pay the increased cost which would result from your not taking advantage of First Script. Accordingly, should you choose to dispense prescriptions from your office, we will reprice these pharmaceuticals and pharmaceutical services at the same rate of the contracted rate with First Script.

We will begin this repricing of pharmaceuticals and pharmaceutical service bills for prescriptions dispensed from your office or from your third party vendors on or after September 15, 2009.

Again, we know that you can appreciate that every dollar saved in the cost of a workers' compensation claim can be put back into the classroom. As a self-insured employer for workers' compensation claims, these savings are a direct benefit for our school programs, teachers, students and the community. We look forward to your continued support and cooperation.

Again the E-mail address for general questions and inquiries is: GB-CM-FlexNet-Mail@gbtpa.com

Sincerely,
Miami-Dade County Public Schools
Gallagher Bassett Services, Inc.