



CompPharma Platform: Electronic Billing and Processing

To foster administrative efficiency and to reduce errors, CompPharma supports the development and utilization of eBilling standards in the workers' compensation pharmacy marketplace. CompPharma additionally supports individual jurisdictions adopting workers' compensation eBilling standards that are consistent in nature with national standards, such as HIPAA transaction standards for electronic billing and processing and the adopted IAIABC standards. These currently include the NCPDP D.0 standard for pharmacy providers and the ASC x12 5010 standards for professional and institutional providers.

Adoption of jurisdictional provisions should maintain as much consistency with these standards as feasible, while acknowledging the sometimes unique needs of workers' compensation and the particular jurisdiction. Adopted provisions should avoid unnecessary jurisdiction-specific "one-offs," which can create a substantial burden on stakeholders and their systems in order to properly use, store and crosswalk unique files, data and codes to more standard files, data and codes.

While acknowledging the need for uniform standards, CompPharma also supports the ability of payers, providers and other processors to communicate electronic billing and processing information in non-standard formats through mutual agreement between parties. Many payers, providers and processors have already engaged in eBilling practices and are utilizing long-standing formats and connectivity which may differ somewhat from standard formats and modes of connectivity. Any standards adopted by a jurisdiction should not penalize these "ahead of the curve" stakeholders.