



Our Position IACP Position Statement

Prescription Billing Accountability

Pharmacists are responsible and obligated to work closely with prescribers and the patients they treat to assure that the right medication is being provided to meet that individual's health care needs.

Patients have both a right and a responsibility to have complete information about their medications. That includes not only what the medication is for, how it is supposed to be used, and what questions to ask of their physician and their pharmacist, but also the cost of the medication to both themselves and their employer or insurer. The submission of a bill to any payor – either public or private – must be done in full compliance with the contractual terms between the pharmacy, the patient, and the payor.

Specifically, legitimately prescribed and dispensed compounded medications can bring tremendous relief to those suffering from various types of pain. Topical medications are an example of these types of compounded prescriptions. These formulations have the benefit of being non-opioid, which helps patients to enjoy normal activities of daily living as well as address the regulatory guidance regarding pain management therapies due to abuse, addiction and diversion. The decision to use any compounded medication should only be made based upon a patient's direct examination by, and consultation with, their physician.

IACP believes public and private health care payers should aggressively address health care fraud, including taking action against any health care provider that has allegedly broken the law. If a provider has misrepresented what they have dispensed or has not followed law or regulation, they should be held fully accountable. IACP also believes that entities responsible for the review and approval of insurance claims for any medication, including compounded preparations, must also be fully engaged in designing and managing systems that assure appropriate payment while balancing full access to the beneficiaries that need those medications.

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