

## Full Service Pharmacy Benefits Management Program



## Our Clinical Approach

Specialty Solutions Rx was designed to proactively address opioids and other high risk medications head on. We work with clients to identify injured workers that are in a high risk category who will benefit from the expertise of a workers' compensation specialty pharmacy.

A 2016 report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) strongly advocates for pharmacists to be the front-line defense against the epidemic of opioid addiction. Specialty Solutions Rx embraces this concept and is uniquely positioned to provide a better solution for the workers' compensation industry.

By leveraging the pain management expertise of dispensing pharmacists at our workers' compensation specialty pharmacy partner we are able to offer an enhanced clinical approach to the industry.

Use of the workers' compensation specialty pharmacy drives our program value

**Proactive Clinical Pharmacy Management** - We manage complex cases using our prospective pharmacy management approach in addition to using the client formulary. We initiate interaction with patients and physicians at the time of dispensing to manage pain as well as costs. It improves safety with high-risk medications, and helps get workers back on the job sooner — pain-free and productive.

**Pain Management Expertise** - The pharmacists are dedicated to the workers' compensation market. Each pharmacist has a minimum of 7 years of pain management expertise which they use through collaboration with the injured worker and prescribing physician. They get involved early, and stay involved throughout the duration of the claim — ensuring optimal pain management and patient safety.

**Opioids and other High-Risk Medications** - No one can afford addiction. Without proactive help from pharmacists, long-term use of these medication will have an adverse effect on patients' bodies and often lead to addiction. The dispensing pharmacists are uniquely positioned to use the Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs (PDMP) to look-up each patient's prescription activity and intervene when necessary. They also track Morphine Equivalent Doses (MEDs) and work with physicians to control and taper ongoing narcotic prescription activity. Proactive management through the use of Specialty Solutions Rx can save lives.

**Patient Collaboration** - Most workers' compensation pharmacy programs focus on discounting pill prices and restricting medications. The injured worker is often lost in the equation. We know that collaborating with and educating injured workers is the right thing to do. It produces better patient outcomes which is better financially for our clients. Healthcare studies support our approach.