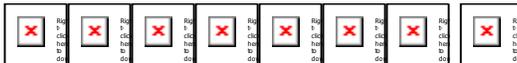


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Dear Governor Haley,

Research on the impact of state reforms on physician dispensing will be the focus of a one-hour webinar on **Thursday, Dec. 8, 2016 at 2 p.m. ET (1 p.m. CT, 12 noon MT, and 11 a.m. PT)**. Hosting the webinar will be Ms. Dongchun Wang and Dr. Vennela Thumula of the Workers Compensation Research Institute (WCRI) who will discuss the research and take questions.

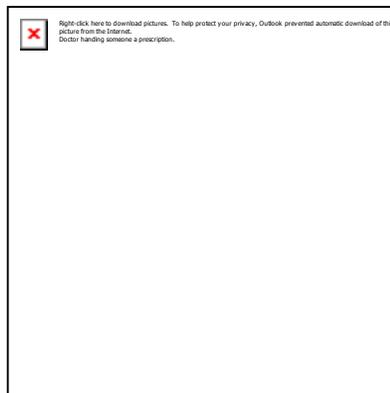
"This research can help policymakers monitor the impact of the reforms made in their state," said Dr. John Ruser, WCRI's president and CEO. "The research also raises questions about the effectiveness and sustainability of the price-focused reforms, which are important for policymakers considering these reforms in states where physician dispensing is permitted."

The states discussed in this webinar are **California, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, South Carolina, and Tennessee**. The research evaluates the impact of the price-focused reforms on the frequency and costs of physician dispensing in these states using detailed transaction data for physician- and pharmacy-dispensed prescriptions filled by injured workers up through the first quarter of 2014. Also discussed will be WCRI research that found evidence of frequent physician dispensing of new drug strengths and formulation at much higher prices in some reform states.

Questions Addressed:

- Did the reforms lead to price reductions for physician-dispensed drugs?
- Did physicians continue to dispense after the reforms?
- Are there emerging issues that challenge the effectiveness and sustainability of the reforms?

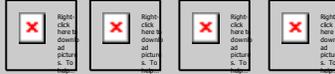
Attendance is limited to 100 people and all attendees receive a free copy of the slides. Webinars are \$39 for WCRI members; \$79 for non-members; and no charge for members of the press, legislators as well as their staff, and state public officials who make policy decisions impacting their state's workers' compensation system.





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