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Despite law to control costs, Calif.'s compound drug payments rose 68%

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Compound drug dispensing in California's workers compensation system fell by 35%, but the average per-prescription payment rose 68.2%, from \$460 to \$774, after implementation of a 2012 law aimed at controlling pharmaceutical compounding.

While the share of compound drugs dispensed within the state's workers comp system in contrast to all California workers comp prescriptions fell from 3.1% to 2%, the share of payments for all compound prescriptions within the system rose from 11.6% to 12.6%, according to a study report released Monday by the Oakland-based California Workers' Compensation Institute.

The study analyzed the impact of Assembly Bill 378, which took effect Jan. 1, 2012. CWCI's study measured the volume of compound drugs prescribed to injured workers and reimbursement amounts during the first half of 2011 compared with the first



The law "was designed to curb the increased use of and the rapidly growing costs associated with compounded pharmaceutical products in the California workers' compensation system," according to the CWCI report titled "Current Trends in Compound Drug Utilization and Cost in the California Workers' Compensation System."

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