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Workers' Compensation Stakeholders,

SB 312, which passed in the 2017 Legislative Session, authorized the Department to implement a drug formulary for the workers' compensation system in Montana. The new Drug Formulary took effect on 1/1/19 and will apply to all new claims on or after 4/1/19. The purpose of establishing a drug formulary as part of the Montana Treatment Guidelines is to reduce the number of potentially dangerous drug prescriptions and to improve worker outcomes by reducing disability duration and increasing return to work rates.

It is important that healthcare providers be informed of these changes and how it will affect them, as well as their patients. We encourage all providers to attend one of the free forums the Department is providing to help guide you through these changes. The following dates and locations have currently been scheduled around the state, so please contact Cindy Zimmerman at [cindy.zimmerman@mt.gov](mailto:cindy.zimmerman@mt.gov) to register for a location nearest you.

February 21, 2019 10:00am – 12:00pm  
Courtyard by Marriott – Missoula  
4559 N Reserve Street

February 22, 2019 9:00am – 11:00am  
Springhill Suites by Marriott – Kalispell  
250 Old Reserve Drive

March 6, 2019 10:00am – 12:00pm  
Residence Inn by Marriott – Bozeman  
6195 E Valley Center Rd

March 7, 2019 9:00am-11:00am  
Residence Inn by Marriott – Billings  
956 S 25<sup>th</sup> Street W

March 12, 2019 – 2:00pm  
ODG Training Webinar  
[Register Here](#)

**Formulary information is also available on our website:**

<http://erd.dli.mt.gov/work-comp-claims/medical-regulations/formulary>. Feel free to contact our team at the Employment Relations Division if you have questions.

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