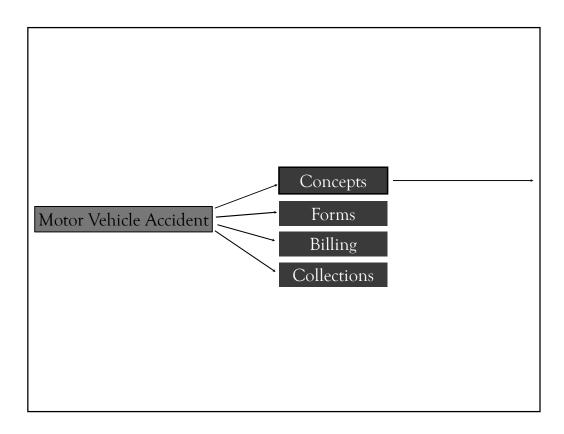


## P.I.P. Billing Mastery Training

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### Personal Injury Protection

#### P.I.P.

#### No-Fault

- \*Required by FL law for all FL residents who own a motor vehicle
- \*Basic PIP: medical benefits and wage losses total \$10K
- \*Deductibles vary per policy from \$0 \$1,000
- \*Medical benefits at 80% of allowed Fee Schedules (insured is responsible for the other 20%)

#### Requisites:

- \*Accident occurred while policy in effect
- \*Initial medical attention must have occurred within 14 days of DOL

### More about PIP...

#### WHO IS COVERED:

- \*Named insured while driving, using or being passenger in any motor vehicle
- \*Resident relatives living with insured while driving, using, or being a passenger in any motor vehicle or while pedestrians, if struck and injured by another motor vehicle
- \*Others injured while driving (with permission)/a passenger in/injured as pedestrian by your insured motor vehicle
- \*Insured or Insured's resident relatives injured outside of FL, but within US/Canada, while in insured motor vehicle

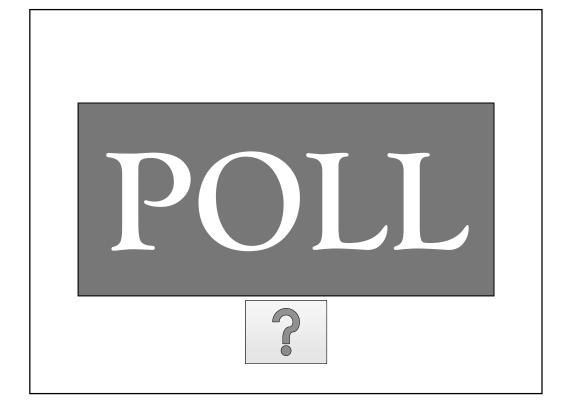
#### WHO IS NOT COVERED:

- \*If passengers or relatives living with insured while driving insured's car, IF they own a motor vehicle required to be licensed and insured in Florida.
- \*Treatment for patients who did not seek medical attention within 14 days of DOL

### EMC

### **Emergency Medical Condition**

- (8) "Emergency medical condition" means:
- (a) A medical condition manifesting itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity, which may include severe pain, such that the absence of immediate medical attention could reasonably be expected to result in any of the following:
- 1. Serious jeopardy to patient health, including a pregnant woman or fetus.
- 2. Serious impairment to bodily functions.
- 3. Serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part.



# Emergency Medical Condition Determination

#### **EMC**

- \*No deadline
- \*Negative EMC -PIP limit \$2,500 (must be done by a PROVIDER of approved specialty)
- \*Positive EMC PIP up to \$10K (by any PHYSICIAN within approved specialties (physician, advanced nurse practitioner, dentist, physician's assistant, in <u>person</u> or <u>record review</u>).
- \*Once EMC provided to carrier: payment due within 10 days
  \*If requested per F.S. 627.736(6)(b), carrier required to reimburse
  expense of EMC

## Medpay

### Medical payments

- \*Optional coverage in addition to P.I.P.
- \*Patient responsibility amounts, such as deductible and 20% coinsurance
- \*Medical expenses in excess of P.I.P. benefits

MPC

#### WHO MAY NOT BE COVERED:

- \*Resident relatives living with insured: while driving, using or being a passenger in insured's vehicle
- \*Others: while driver, passenger or pedestrian injured by insured's vehicle

### B.I.

**Bodily Injury** 

Liability Insurance

\*Optional Coverage to cover damages to injured parties when insured is at fault

\*Drivers with previous accidents or violations (e.g. DUI) may be required to carry BI

\*Policy covers at least 10/20

### **TNCs**

Transportation Network Companies

Ridesharing Service

\*F.S. 627.748 defines TNCs and insurance requirements

\*If driver is logged on but NOT engaged, BI 50K/100K

\*If driver is logged on AND engaged, BI \$1MM; UM min. \$250M

\*If driver is logged OUT, driver's personal policy applies





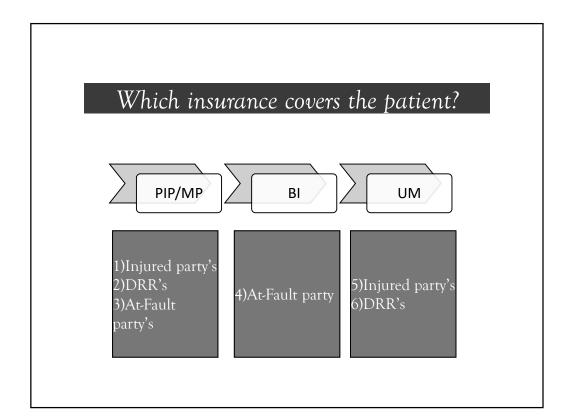
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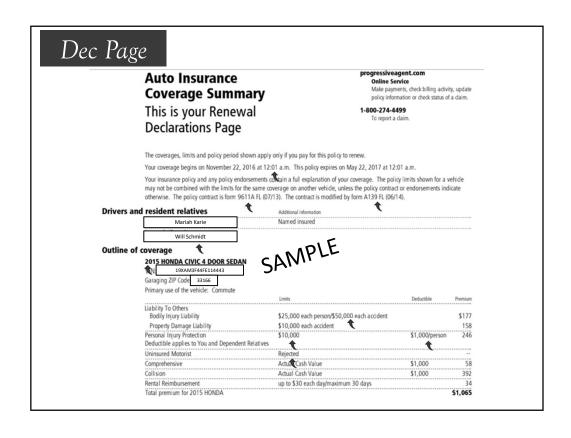
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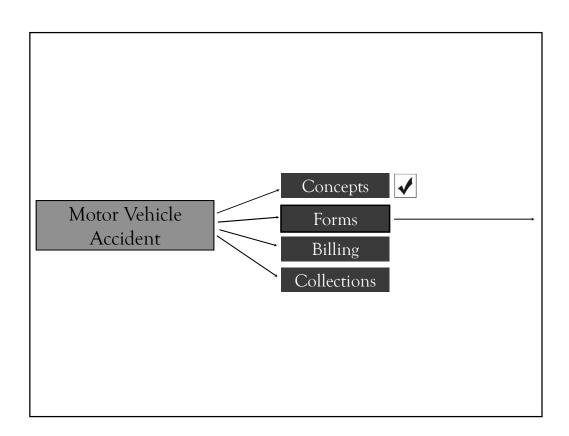
\*Optional coverage when a driver is involved in an accident with a motorist who either is not carrying insurance at all or is not carrying enough insurance to cover the damages and/or injuries they cause.

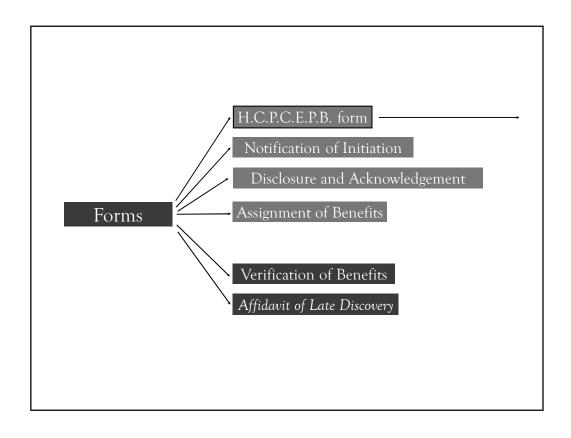
\*Covers damages or personal injuries suffered as a result of the accident exceed the amount of coverage of the negligent driver or, if the negligent driver had no injury coverage

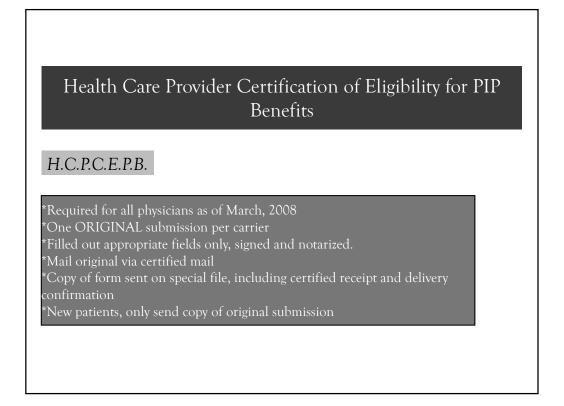
\*Limits at least 10/20











### Notification of Initiation

N.O.I.

Notification

I.O.T.

Notifies the insurer that the patient started treating

\*Extends claims filing timeframe from 35 to 75 days

\*May help catch wrong insurer's information timely

\*Patient Name, Claim No, DOA, and Insurer's address

\*Due date is 21 days from first visit (3 weeks)

\*Send NOI to carrier, along with D&A and AOB

\*Mail Certified or Fax with confirmation

### FLORIDA STATUTES



"Title XXXVII INSURANCE Chapter 627 INSURANCE RATES AND CONTRACTS 627.736 Required personal injury protection benefits; exclusions; priority; claims.~ (5) CHARGES FOR TREATMENT OF INJURED PERSONS.~

(c)1. With respect to any treatment or service, other than medical services billed by a hospital or other provider for emergency services as defined in s. 395.002 or inpatient services rendered at a hospital-owned facility, the statement of charges must be furnished to the insurer by the provider and may not include, and the insurer is not required to pay, charges for treatment or services rendered more than 35 days before the postmark date of the statement, except for past due amounts previously billed on a timely basis under this paragraph, and except that, if the provider submits to the insurer a notice of initiation of treatment within 21 days after its first examination or treatment of the claimant, the statement may include charges for treatment or services rendered up to, but not more than, 75 days before the postmark date of the statement. The injured party is not liable for, and the provider shall not bill the injured party for, charges that are unpaid because of the provider's failure to comply with this paragraph. Any agreement requiring the injured person or insured to pay for such charges is unenforceable."

### Standard Disclosure & Acknowledgement Form

#### D&A

#### Standard Disclosure

- \*Confirms that services listed were actually rendered
- Services were explained by the provider
- \*Patient was not solicited for those services
- \*Patient has right to inform carrier of fraud and earn a reward
- \*Original must be submitted to the carrier
- \*Signed by both the patient/guardian and provider, on the same date, at the end of the first date of service
- \*Copy kept on file
- \*No deadline

### FLORIDA STATUTES



"(e)1 Title XXXVIIINSURANCE Chapter 627 INSURANCE RATES AND CONTRACTS627.736 Required personal injury protection benefits; exclusions; priority; claims.~.

1. At the initial treatment or service provided, each physician, other licensed professional, clinic, or other medical institution providing medical services upon which a claim for personal injury protection benefits is based shall require an insured person, or his or her guardian, to execute a disclosure and acknowledgment form, which reflects at a minimum that: a. The insured, or his or her guardian, must countersign the form attesting to the fact that the services set forth therein were actually rendered; b. The insured, or his or her guardian, has both the right and affirmative duty to confirm that the services were actually rendered; c. The insured, or his or her guardian, was not solicited by any person to seek any services from the medical provider; d. That the physician, other licensed professional, clinic, or other medical institution rendering services for which payment is being claimed explained the services to the insured or his or her guardian; e. If the insured notifies the insurer in writing of a billing error, the insured may be entitled to a certain percentage of a reduction in the amounts paid by the insured's motor vehicle insurer."

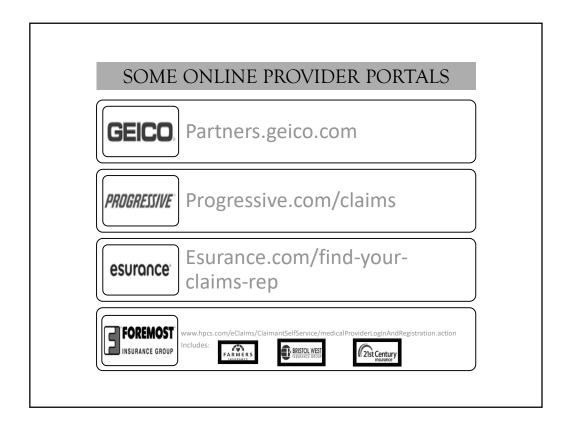
### Assignment of Benefits

#### A.O.B.

- \*Insured is authorizing insurance carrier to reimburse medical provider for services rendered
- \*Right of provider to request P.I.P. payment log from carrier
- \*Right of provider to file a demand for payment and lawsuit if payment is not received accordingly from carrier (PIP Suit)
- \*Does not guarantee payment
- \*Always keep on file
- \*Insurance specific
- \*Required for demand for benefits by provider
- \*Required by some carriers for obtaining benefit or any information regarding the claim

### Verification of Benefits

- \*Confirm patient's information
- \*Claim information for billing
- \*Adjuster's name and contact info
- PIP coverage, deductible, Medpay
- \*Status of coverage investigation follow up
- \*UM
- \*BI patient's attorney



### Affidavit of Late Discovery

\*Statement under oath that insurance information was received late

Submit to carrier as soon as information is received-within 35

\*Attach proof of when correct information was received

\*Doctor's original signature notarized

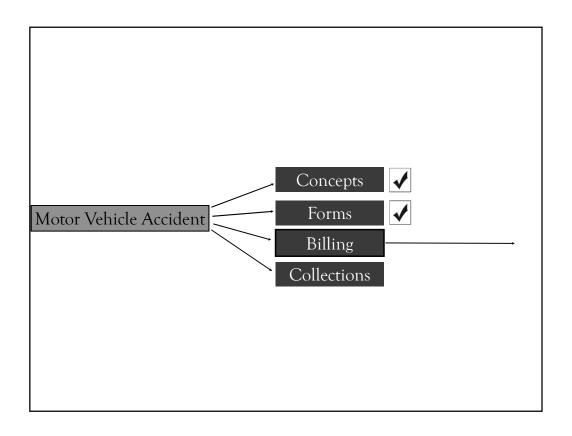
\*Include copy of original submissions to incorrect carriers & POM/EOBs

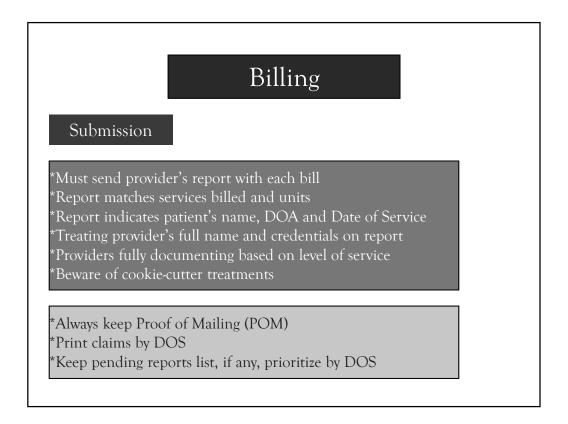
\*Patient Name, Claim No, DOA

\*Indicate Insurer's address

\*Send <u>D&A, AOB, HCPCEPB, and any EOBs/POM</u>

\*Keep proof of submission on file





### Collections

- \*Carriers have 30 days to respond to claims (60 additional days if reason for Fraud)
- \*Fee Schedule based on 200% MCR (Current v. 2007) or 100% Worker's Comp
- \*Balance billing to patient is prohibited
- \*Must attempt to collect patient responsibility amount: deductible, coinsurance (exception for pending settlements)
- \*Run AR report regularly to catch unpaid claims

\*Check billing cycle timelines

\*Modifiers

\*CPTs missing or fewer units

\*Documentation

\*Exhaustion

- \*Verification of coverage
- \*Quality of PIP Carriers
- \*OVs

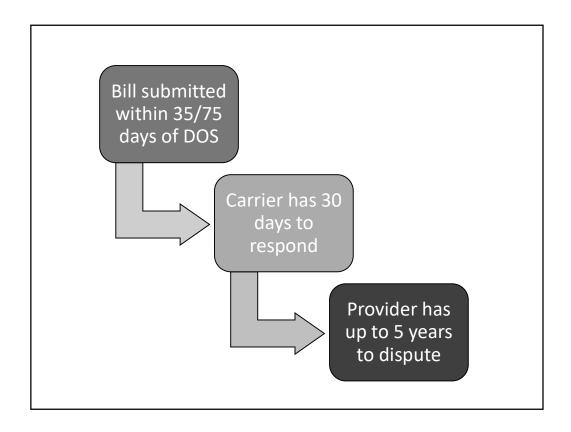
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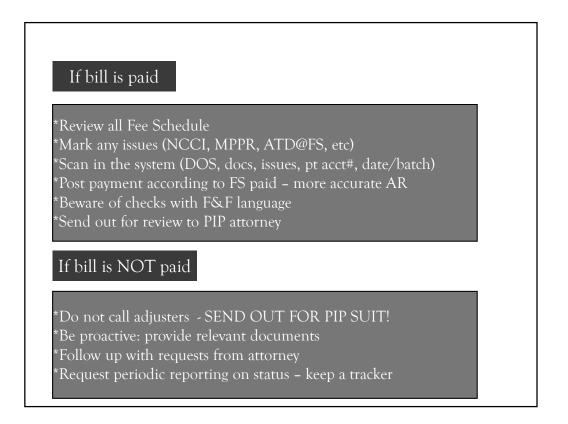


#### "Title XLVI CRIMES Chapter 817 FRAUDULENT PRACTICES

#### 817.234 False and fraudulent insurance claims.~

(7)(a) It shall constitute a material omission and insurance fraud, punishable as provided in subsection (11), for any service provider, other than a hospital, to engage in a general business practice of billing amounts as its usual and customary charge, if such provider has agreed with the insured or intends to waive deductibles or co-payments, or does not for any other reason intend to collect the total amount of such charge. With respect to a determination as to whether a service provider has engaged in such general business practice, consideration shall be given to evidence of whether the physician or other provider made a good faith attempt to collect such deductible or co-payment. This paragraph does not apply to physicians or other providers who waive deductibles or copayments or reduce their bills as part of a bodily injury settlement or verdict."





### Issues

\*Bill not received \*IME Cut-off

\*Coverage investigation \*ATD@FS

\*Material Misrepresentation \*NCCI

\*14-day requirement not met \*MPPR \*EMC request \*No PIP \*EMC Cut-off \*BA

### PIP Suits

### PIP Demands

### Pre-suit demand

- \*Claim must be overdue
- \*Filing must be made within 5 years
- \*Claim was submitted properly and timely
- \*Benefits NOT exhausted
- \*Patient signed AOB
- \*Pre-suit demand must be filed before lawsuit (including AOB and itemized ledger)
- \*No Full & Final checks cashed

