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In December 2007, Congress approved Section 111 of the Medicare, Medicaid and SCHIP Extension Act. This Act addresses payment of benefits, specifically, when Medicare is the secondary payer for these benefits. Medicare has been a secondary payer for workers' compensation benefit payments since the inception of the Medicare program in 1965. Therefore, in order to avoid duplicate payments for the same services, this Act establishes mandatory reporting requirements which impacts workers' compensation plans and any benefits paid.

The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) will report the benefits paid through the state system to Medicare beneficiaries. However, **because your company participates in the Fifteen Thousand Medical Only Program and is paying medical benefits, you are also required to file these reports.**

**THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 30, 2009 WITH THE REPORTING BEGINNING APRIL 2010 WITH QUARTERLY UPDATES THEREAFTER.** This applies to those employers with employees that are Medicare beneficiaries. It may not be necessary for your company to register at this time if you don't have any expectation of reporting in the near future. Please contact your Client Relations Manager at 888-743-2559 for further details regarding the registration process.

Failure to comply with this Act could result in penalties assessed to your organization. More information is available at [www.cms.hhs.gov/mandatoryinsrep](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/mandatoryinsrep).

Sheakley Vocational Services can assist with the necessary data elements for the Medicare reporting. For more information regarding this service and/or a quote, contact Kym Riggle at 800-877-2053 ext. 1335.

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