



**LIVE VIRTUAL SYMPOSIUM
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D7 – Practice Management - Carolyn Buppert

Q – I work in a chronic pain management clinic where patients' MMEs are well above 100. Am I not in compliance?

A – *To answer fully, I'd need to know what guideline you are following and what it says. The guidance I referred to is for primary care or a specialist's office, and it was to refer for a pain management consultation if the MME exceeds 80. Since you are a pain management specialist, then I think you are in a position to prescribe over 100 MME if you can justify it. Just be sure you are following a guideline, can tell anyone who asks what guideline you are following, and make sure your notes show that you are attentive to the guideline; that is, if prescribing more than 100 MME, say why you think it is necessary.*

Q – Still need to provide coverage for employees if only hire part time?

A – *What coverage are you referring to? Both state and federal laws on employer responsibilities often say who they apply to. So, for whatever category you are referring to – health insurance or workers' comp, or whatever – you would need to see what your state law says. Usually, when one registers a business, one receives documents from the state that describe employer responsibilities.*