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Reminder: Complete Your Risk Rewards by December 31

Only three weeks are left in 2014, so visit your [MyRewards](#) page to see what you need to complete to earn a premium discount before the December 31

Limited Enrollment Period: New High Limit Disability Program for ISMIE Policyholders



Good news. ISMIE has partnered with Disability Resource Group (DRG) to offer a high-limit disability program exclusively for policyholders. Now you can get the income protection you need and have peace of mind.

This unique high limit disability program is designed to fill the gap between your base disability policy and your actual monthly income. Enrollment for this coverage is limited to 90 days, so inquire now.

Benefits include:

- **High limit** - You can qualify for up to \$25,000 in monthly disability benefits (over and above your base disability policy).
- **Premium discount and guarantee** - A premium discount of up to 20 percent for all eligible ISMIE policyholders. Premiums are guaranteed during the policy term.
- **Own occupation or specialty** - If you are unable to work in your current medical specialty, full benefits are payable even if you are working in a different occupation or specialty.

Want to learn more or sign up? If you utilize an ISMIE Mutual broker, you may contact him or her. Also, ISMIE and DRG have set up [a dedicated website for interested policyholders](#). Contact DRG directly at 1-800-945-9719

deadline.

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For login assistance:

Visit our [online assistance page](#) or give us a call at **888-476-7776** during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., Monday-Friday). If calling outside of regular business hours, please leave a message and your call will be returned the next business day.

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New Rules Issued on PAs', APNs' Controlled Substance Prescribing Authority

If physician assistants (PAs) or advanced practice nurses (APNs) have prescribing authority in your practice, [note the following rule changes](#) per the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR).

- Specific Schedule II controlled substances must be identified by either brand or generic name and must be maintained with the collaborative or supervision agreement.
- Schedule II controlled substances delivered by injection or other route of administration may not be delegated.
- The collaborating or supervising physician may only delegate controlled substances that he or she prescribes.
- Any prescription must be limited to no more than a 30-day supply, with any continuation authorized only after prior approval of the collaborating or supervising physician.

PAs and APNs applying for new Scheduled II controlled substance licenses must provide evidence of at least 45 graduate contact hours or three academic semester hours in pharmacology.

Instructions on how to apply for or update an Illinois Scheduled II controlled substance license can be found on [IDFPR's professional information page](#).

Get Tips on Delegating Injections/Vaccinations as Flu Season Intensifies

As flu season kicks into high gear, your practice will likely see an influx of patients in need of vaccinations. This increase in demand begs the question of who, other than a



physician, can legally administer these injections in an office setting.

That answer, and more, can be found in ISMIE's Risk Resource Library, which provides helpful information on [injections/vaccinations administration](#) and [office delegation guidelines](#).

Have another risk-related question? Search the library's [extensive list of risk management topics](#) or contact the Risk Management Division at 800-782-4767 ext. 3300 or email riskmanagement@ismie.com.

More flu resources

In honor of National Influenza Vaccination Week, now through December 13, here are a few more timely resources for the 2014-2015 flu season.

- The Illinois State Medical Society's [toolkit for health care professionals](#) and [influenza guide for patients](#).
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's [What You Should Know for the 2014-2015 Influenza Season webpage](#).

2015 Annual Meeting and Elections

ISMIE Mutual Insurance Company will hold its next annual meeting in April 2015. At that time a majority of ISMIE policyholders, represented at the annual meeting in person or by proxy, will elect fellow policyholders to positions on the ISMIE Mutual Board of Directors.

Any ISMIE Mutual policyholder interested in being considered for the ISMIE Mutual board should immediately contact our Chief Administrative Officer to be advised of the 2015 nomination criteria and deadlines. Call 312-580-2493 or 800-782-4767 ext. 2493, or send an e-mail to ckoos@ismie.com.