

Executive Summary

FDA Enforcement Now Includes Primary Care Practices

How This Change Affects Your Practice

What changed: The Drug Supply Chain Security Act (DSCSA) is now being enforced at the medical practice level. Any practice that purchases, stores, or administers drug products in-office is subject to FDA supply chain compliance inspections — not just manufacturers, wholesale distributors, and retail pharmacies. Primary care practices may not administer the highest-cost drugs in medicine, but they administer a wide variety of Rx drug products daily — and the FDA’s inspection methodology applies equally regardless of practice size, specialty, or drug cost.

The Drug Products at Issue in Primary Care Practices

If your practice purchases and administers any of the following, federal drug supply chain requirements apply — regardless of practice size or patient volume:

<p>Injectable Medications & In-Office Treatments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corticosteroids (triamcinolone, methylprednisolone, dexamethasone) • Vitamin B12 (cyanocobalamin) — injectable • Testosterone (cypionate, enanthate) — injectable • Toradol (ketorolac) — injectable NSAID • Phenergan (promethazine) / Zofran (ondansetron) — injectable antiemetics • Lidocaine / Bupivacaine — local anesthetics for in-office procedures 	<p>Weight Management & Metabolic Therapies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GLP-1 agonists (semaglutide, tirzepatide) — branded and compounded • Saxenda (liraglutide) — weight management injectable • Peptide therapies (BPC-157, Ipamorelin, Sermorelin) — if dispensed • Compounded weight loss formulations from 503A/503B facilities • Ozempic / Wegovy / Mounjaro / Zepbound — if stocked in-office • NAD+ and vitamin IV infusions with Rx components — if offered
<p>Vaccines & Preventive Biologics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Influenza vaccines — all in-office stocked formulations • Pneumococcal vaccines (Prevnar 20, Pneumovax 23) • Shingrix (zoster vaccine recombinant) — two-dose series • Tdap / Td boosters — Adacel, Boostrix, Tenivac • HPV vaccine (Gardasil 9) — multi-dose series • COVID-19 vaccines — any stocked for in-office administration 	<p>Chronic Disease & Specialty Injectables</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depo-Provera (medroxyprogesterone) — contraceptive injectable • Prolia (denosumab) — osteoporosis biologic • Forteo / Tymlos (teriparatide / abaloparatide) — bone anabolic agents • Dupixent (dupilumab) — if administered in-office for atopic dermatitis • Allergy immunotherapy serums — custom-prepared Rx products • Iron infusion products (Injectafer, Venofer) — if infusion services offered

Why Enforcement Has Reached Primary Care

The DSCSA, enacted in 2013, was implemented in phases. For nearly a decade, enforcement focused on manufacturers, wholesalers, and national serialization systems. With those controls now in place, regulatory focus has shifted downstream to the final point in the supply chain: the practice itself. Primary care practices are now in scope not because they dispense high-cost specialty drugs, but because the FDA’s inspection methodology is universal — it applies to any practice that purchases and administers prescription drug products, regardless of volume or cost.

The proof point: In January 2026, the FDA issued its first publicly documented inspection finding against a physician-owned practice — a med spa in Texas — for failures in how injectable drug products were purchased, tracked, and documented. FDA investigators cross-referenced manufacturer shipment records against practice purchase records and patient administration logs. The gap triggered a formal citation. That methodology works on any practice that purchases prescription drugs — including a primary care office that stocks injectables, vaccines, GLP-1s, or compounded products.

What FDA Inspectors Now Evaluate

- Purchasing only from FDA-authorized trading partners — with written verification on file
- Transaction documentation tying each drug product received to a specific patient administration event
- Alignment between purchase invoices, inventory logs, and administration or vaccine records
- Lot number and expiration date traceability — including vaccines and cold chain products
- Written procedures for managing suspect, recalled, or temperature-compromised product
- A defined, repeatable compliance process backed by written policies — not informal staff knowledge

Where Primary Care Practices Are Exposed

Most practices do not fail due to intent. They fail due to execution.

- Vaccine and injectable vendors assumed to be authorized but never formally verified against the FDA ATP registry
- GLP-1 and weight management drug products — including compounded semaglutide and tirzepatide — purchased from unverified or non-registered sources
- No reconciliation between units of injectable medications received and units administered to patients — a gap visible to FDA from upstream shipment data
- Vaccine cold chain documentation maintained for VFC or payer audit purposes but not structured to meet FDA supply chain standards
- Compounded products sourced from 503A compounding pharmacies or unregistered 503B facilities without verification of current FDA registration
- Allergy serum and immunotherapy products prepared externally and administered without transaction documentation linking the product to a verified authorized source
- No written procedure for handling recalled, suspect, or returned drug product — leaving front desk or nursing staff to improvise during an inspection
- In-house dispensing of samples or Rx products to patients without documentation that satisfies FDA supply chain traceability requirements

A Note on GLP-1s, Compounded Weight Loss Drugs, and FDA Risk

The rapid growth of GLP-1 prescribing and in-office weight management programs has introduced a new and specific compliance risk for primary care practices. Many practices are now stocking or dispensing compounded semaglutide or tirzepatide — products that have been the subject of significant FDA enforcement activity around unauthorized compounding facilities.

The exposure is direct: *A primary care practice that purchases compounded GLP-1 products from a 503A compounding pharmacy or an unregistered 503B facility — or that cannot produce transaction documentation showing it purchased from an FDA-authorized trading partner — is in the same documentation gap as any other practice the FDA has cited. The GLP-1 enforcement environment is active, and primary care practices dispensing or administering these products are no longer below the regulatory radar.*

The Claritas Axis Solution: Two Programs, One Path to Defensibility

Program 1

The Drug Supply Chain Readiness Audit

- Vendor authorization verification against FDA ATP registry
- Purchasing and receiving controls review
- Purchase-to-administration reconciliation analysis
- Lot number and expiration traceability for all in-office Rx products
- Storage and handling review — including vaccine cold chain
- Suspect and compromised product procedure review
- Documentation gap analysis
- Formal risk-ranked findings report
- Prioritized remediation roadmap

Program 2

Structured Remediation Support

- Written SOPs built to FDA inspection standards
- Documentation templates for purchasing, receiving, and administration
- GLP-1 and weight management drug documentation protocols
- Vaccine and cold chain compliance documentation alignment
- In-house dispensary or med spa crosswalk where applicable
- Ongoing readiness support and compliance validation

Why both programs matter: The audit finds the gap. The remediation closes it. For most primary care practices — particularly those offering in-office weight management programs, stocking compounded products, or managing vaccine cold chain documentation — the path to defensibility requires both. The structured remediation program is designed to follow directly from audit findings so nothing falls through the cracks.

Bottom Line

FDA enforcement now includes primary care practices.

The question is not whether these requirements apply.

The question is whether your documentation can withstand inspection.