PROGRESSIVE JACKPOT METERS

The Colorado Division of Gaming has determined that a number of progressive slot machines with jackpot meters do not increment when the progressive jackpot is awarded. The problem could result from the wire harness being improperly connected, or could be caused by a slot machine not receiving a signal from the progressive controller to increment the slot machine’s jackpot meter. In any case, when a jackpot meter does not increment for the amount of the progressive jackpot, that machine is out of compliance with Regulation 47.1-1223 requiring that all jackpots awarded by slot machines increment the jackpot meters.

Any casino with slot machines attached to progressive controllers having jackpot meters that do not increment when a progressive jackpot is awarded has 90 days from the date of this bulletin to bring these machines into compliance with Regulation 47.1-1223, or possibly face having these machines shut down. Those casinos which have already ordered progressive controllers, or expect delivery of progressive controllers as of the date of this bulletin, have 90 days from the date of delivery to bring machines attached to these controllers into compliance with Regulation 47.1-1223. After the 90 day period, no progressive controller will be allowed unless there is a method to increment or read the winning slot machine’s jackpot meter.

The following methods are available to bring these machines into compliance:

1. Purchase new progressive controllers;

2. Have the progressive controller manufacturer establish a PC link, which would allow read only access. This link needs to be tested by the Division’s Enforcement Section prior to its use in casinos. Additionally, casinos could probably link all progressive controllers to one PC;

PROGRESSIVE DOUBLE LOCKS

The Colorado Division of Gaming has also determined that a number of progressive controllers do not have the double locks required by Regulation 47.1-1244(3). This regulation reads in pertinent parts:

Each progressive controller linking one or more progressive slot machines must be housed in a double keyed compartment. The Director or the Director’s designee must be in possession of one of the keys.

All progressive controllers must be housed in a double keyed compartment within 30 days from the date of this bulletin. All progressive controllers not housed in double locked compartments within the required 30 days will be treated as a gaming violation. Obsoleted June 30, 2010.

PROGRESSIVE JACKPOT DISPLAYS

The Colorado Division of Gaming has also determined that certain progressive poker machines do not display the cents portion of the progressive amounts. Regulation 47.1-1244 (1)(g) requires that the progressive meters display the current total of the progressive jackpot. Current total includes both dollars and cents.

All casinos with these types of progressive poker machines have 90 days from the date of this bulletin to bring these machine into compliance with Regulation 47.1-1244 (1)(g). All machines not in compliance with this regulation within 90 days will be treated as a gaming violation. Casinos with these type of progressive poker machines can purchase an overhead meter display, which will display both dollars and cents.

MINIMUM BANKROLL REQUIREMENTS

Colorado Gaming Regulation 47.1-1612 reads in pertinent part:

If at any time the licensee’s available cash or cash equivalents should be less than the amount required by this section, the licensee must immediately notify the Director of this deficiency. Failure to maintain the minimum bankroll required by this section, or failure to notify the Director of any deficiencies is an
unsuitable method of operation and may result in a fine, penalty, or revocation of license.

Casinos are reminded that they must continually monitor their minimum bankroll and notify the Division of Gaming when a deficiency occurs. The Division will scrutinize minimum bankroll documents during periodic compliance inspections. Obsoleted June 30, 2010.