

Rule Summary and Fiscal Analysis (Part A)**Bureau of Workers' Compensation**

Agency Name

Division

Tom Sico

Contact

30 West Spring St. L26 Columbus OH 43215-0000

Agency Mailing Address (Plus Zip)

614-466-6600

Phone

614-621-3372

Fax

4123-6-08

Rule Number

AMENDMENT

TYPE of rule filing

Rule Title/Tag Line

Bureau fee schedule.**RULE SUMMARY**

1. Is the rule being filed consistent with the requirements of the RC 119.032 review? **Yes**

2. Are you proposing this rule as a result of recent legislation? **No**

3. Statute prescribing the procedure in accordance with the agency is required to adopt the rule: **119.03**

4. Statute(s) authorizing agency to adopt the rule: **4121.12, 4121.121, 4121.30, 4121.31, 4123.05**

5. Statute(s) the rule, as filed, amplifies or implements: **4121.44, 4121.441, 4123.66**

6. State the reason(s) for proposing (i.e., why are you filing,) this rule:

The rule is being amended to update the BWC medical fee schedule and adopt the fee schedule as an appendix to this rule. The BWC medical fee schedule has not been revised since 2004. As a result, BWC Medical Services undertook a comprehensive review of the benefit plan and corresponding medical fee schedule.

7. If the rule is an AMENDMENT, then summarize the changes and the content of the proposed rule; if the rule type is RESCISSION, NEW or NO CHANGE, then summarize the content of the rule:

Paragraph (A) of the rule is amended to change that this rule is adopted with the advice and consent of the oversight commission to the advice and consent of the bureau of workers' compensation board of directors. The rule also is amended to indicate that the fee schedule is attached as appendix A, and that it was developed with provider and employer input. The rule also states that the new fee schedule will be effective January 1, 2009.

8. If the rule incorporates a text or other material by reference and the agency claims the incorporation by reference is exempt from compliance with sections 121.71 to 121.74 of the Revised Code because the text or other material is **generally available** to persons who reasonably can be expected to be affected by the rule, provide an explanation of how the text or other material is generally available to those persons:

This response left blank because filer specified online that the rule does not incorporate a text or other material by reference.

9. If the rule incorporates a text or other material by reference, and it was **infeasible** for the agency to file the text or other material electronically, provide an explanation of why filing the text or other material electronically was infeasible:

This response left blank because filer specified online that the rule does not incorporate a text or other material by reference.

10. If the rule is being **rescinded** and incorporates a text or other material by reference, and it was **infeasible** for the agency to file the text or other material, provide an explanation of why filing the text or other material was infeasible:

Not Applicable.

11. If **revising** or **refiling** this rule, identify changes made from the previously filed version of this rule; if none, please state so:

BWC revised the text of the rule to change the effective date of the rule.

BWC revised the appendix to the rule to delete certain codes from the rule.

12. 119.032 Rule Review Date: **10/16/2008**

(If the rule is not exempt and you answered NO to question No. 1, provide the scheduled review date. If you answered YES to No. 1, the review date for this rule is the filing date.)

NOTE: If the rule is not exempt at the time of final filing, two dates are required: the current review date plus a date not to exceed 5 years from the effective date for Amended rules or a date not to exceed 5 years from the review date for No Change rules.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

13. Estimate the total amount by which *this proposed rule* would **increase / decrease** either **revenues / expenditures** for the agency during the current biennium (in dollars): Explain the net impact of the proposed changes to the budget of your agency/department.

This will have no impact on revenues or expenditures.

\$0.00

\$0.00

14. Identify the appropriation (by line item etc.) that authorizes each expenditure necessitated by the proposed rule:

Not applicable

15. Provide a summary of the estimated cost of compliance with the rule to all directly affected persons. When appropriate, please include the source for your information/estimated costs, e.g. industry, CFR, internal/agency:

The new medical fee schedule will result in approximately \$23,000,000 annually in additional payments to providers who treat injured workers. This money is paid from the State Insurance Fund and does not affect or impact BWC's administrative costs or budget.

16. Does this rule have a fiscal effect on school districts, counties, townships, or municipal corporations? **No**

17. Does this rule deal with environmental protection or contain a component dealing with environmental protection as defined in R. C. 121.39? **No**