

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 14, 2010, at 2:00 p.m., in Room 1, Level 2, 30 West Spring Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, to consider the following:

Amendment of the following rule for the purpose as shown below:

4123-6-08 Bureau fee schedule.

The text of the rule changes the effective date of the provider fee schedule from November 1, 2009, to October 25, 2010. The rule contains a new appendix with a revised and updated fee schedule.

The major substantive changes proposed for the professional provider fee schedule in the appendix are as follows:

1. Adopting Medicare's 2010 RVUs for all relevant CPT codes.
2. Maintaining the current conversion factors.
3. Adding the following additional HCPCS codes:
 - a. HCPCS code S0630, removal of sutures by another qualifying medical professional, other than the physician that placed the sutures.
 - b. HCPCS code S0209, for wheelchair van mileage. This code is being added to provide a specific reimbursement for wheelchair van mileage.
 - c. HCPCS code S5199, Personal care items and HCPCS code S8301 infection control supplies.
4. Adding a category of service titled "Never Covered (NC)."
5. Modifying the title of the category of service currently titled "Non-Covered" to "Not Routinely Covered (NRC)."

The full and complete text of the proposed rules is available at the Register of Ohio (<http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us>) and is on file in the office of the Secretary of State (180 East Broad Street, 15th Floor, Columbus, Ohio), the Legislative Service Commission (77 South High Street, 9th Floor, Columbus, Ohio), the office of the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (77 South High Street, Concourse Level, Columbus, Ohio), the Bureau of Workers' Compensation, Legal Operations (30 West Spring Street, 26th Floor, Columbus, Ohio), the Bureau of Workers' Compensation (30 West Spring Street, Columbus, Ohio, 1st Floor, Hearing Rooms), and all service offices of the Bureau.

All interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard. Any interested party unable to attend the public hearing may submit written comments to the undersigned prior to the public hearing.

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