

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, February 11, 2014, at 2:00 p.m., in Room 1, Level 2, 30 West Spring Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, to consider the following:

Amending the following rule for the purposes as shown below:**4123-6-08 Bureau fee schedule.**

This rule establishes the fees to be paid by BWC to providers for medical and professional provider services for injured workers.

The major substantive changes proposed for this rule are as follow:

1. BWC adopts Medicare's 2013 RVUs for all relevant CPT codes;
2. BWC adopts a reduction of 50% of the practice expense portion only of the "Always Therapy" codes which will be applied to subsequent units of therapy rendered by the same provider on the same date of service;
3. BWC maintains the current conversion factors, expressed as a percentage of Medicare reimbursement;
4. BWC adopt the 2013 HCPCS II codes at 120% of the Medicare fee schedule.

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 at enotification@bwc.state.oh.us.

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