

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation will hold a public hearing on Thursday, March 23, 2017, at 1:00 p.m., in Room 1, Level 2, 30 West Spring Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, to consider the following:

Amendment of the following rules for the purposes as shown below:

4123-6-08 Medical services and professional provider fee schedule.

This rule is being amended to (1) adopt the 2016 relative value unit (RVU) updates for all common procedure terminology (CPT) codes as published in Medicare's 2016 final rule; (2) adopt applicable updates to the current Ohio provider service specialty conversion factors in order to maintain Ohio's current percent payment of Medicare's reimbursement rates for those relevant service specialties; (3) adopt updates to 2016 healthcare common procedure coding system (HCPCS II) codes as published in Medicare's 2016 final rule; (4) maintain the 2016 reimbursement rates for dental codes; (5) adopt new 2017 CPT and HCPCS codes and deletion of those that have been discontinued for 2017.

4123-6-37.2 Outpatient hospital fee schedule.

The proposed changes to this rule are to (1) adopt the hospital outpatient rates as published in the Medicare Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) 2017 final rule, with the exception of the non-adoption of Section 603 Site-Neutral Payment Provisions; (2) adopt modification to payment adjustment factors as (a) payment adjustment factor to OPPS rates for children's hospitals: 266.9%; (b) payment adjustment factor to OPPS rates for all other hospitals: 152.9% ; (3) adoption of two Inpatient-Only procedures in the outpatient setting as (a) 27130 – total hip arthroplasty; (b) 27447 – total knee arthroplasty.

4123-6-37.3 Ambulatory surgical center fee schedule.

The proposed changes to this rule are to (1) adopt the 2017 Medicare ASC rates published in Addendum AA and BB of the rule; (2) maintain the following payment adjustment factors as (a) 112% for designated orthopedic procedures; (b) 110% for designated pain management procedures; (c) 100% for all other procedures; (3) update fees for two covered shoulder arthroplasty procedures; (4) adopt coverage of two arthroplasty procedures-- CPT 27447 (total knee replacement) and 27130 (total hip replacement).

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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