

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation will hold a public hearing on Monday, July 24, 2006, at 1:00 p.m., in Room G, 3rd Floor, 30 West Spring Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, to consider the following:

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

4123-6-37.1 Payment of hospital inpatient services.

Ohio Administrative Code 4123-6-37 provides general criteria for the payment of inpatient and outpatient hospital services under the HPP. The proposed rule would provide specific methodology for the payment of inpatient hospital services. The proposed rule provides that unless an MCO has negotiated a different payment rate with a hospital pursuant to rule 4123-6-08 of the Administrative Code, reimbursement for hospital inpatient services, except for outliers, shall be equal to 115% of the applicable diagnosis related group (DRG) reimbursement rate for the hospital inpatient service under the Medicare program.

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.

**THE OHIO BUREAU OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION**

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