

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 18, 2018, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 1, Level 2, 30 West Spring Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, to consider the following rule to:

Amend, for the purpose shown below:

4123-6-37.1 Inpatient Hospital fee Schedule.

This rule establishes the fees to be paid by BWC to providers of inpatient hospital services for injured workers. The proposed changes are to adopt Medicare final rule including but not limited to:

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 - Update to the national standardized amounts
 - MS-DRG changes, ICD-10 updates, and relative weight updates
 - Quality and value related programs
- Modify current Payment Adjustment Factor (PAF) to reflect the statewide reimbursement to cost benchmark of 114%
 - 112.7% for MS-DRG base rate and direct graduate medical education (DGME) services
 - Operating and capital outlier add-on payments and new technology add-on payments are not subject to the PAF.
- Adopt a "lesser of" provision for services paid under the per diem methodology for hospital inpatient opioid detoxification services. Payment is the lesser of the hospital allowed charges, the MCO priced amount or the per diem amount.

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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