

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation will hold a public hearing on Thursday, November 8, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., in Room G, 3rd Floor, 30 West Spring Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, to consider the following:

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

4123-6-37.1 Payment of hospital inpatient services.

Ohio Administrative Code 4123-6-37.1 currently incorporates by reference "42 CFR Part 412 as published in the October 1, 2006 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)," as well as Federal Register citations to the 2006 Medicare regulations under which the "applicable diagnosis related group (DRG) reimbursement rate" was determined during the last Medicare fiscal year.

Medicare has recently published its 2007 DRG reimbursement regulations in the Federal Register, and 42 CFR Part 412 is scheduled to be updated in the October 1, 2007 CFR. Therefore, BWC is proposing to revise Ohio Administrative Code 4123-6-37.1 to reference the Federal Register citations to the 2007 regulations, and 42 CFR Part 412 as published in the October 1, 2007 CFR.

In addition, BWC is proposing that references in Ohio Administrative Code 4123-6-37.1 to hospitals' "2004 total inpatient cost-to-charge ratios as reported to Ohio Medicaid" be changed to the 2006 reported ratios, so that BWC may utilize the most current reported information.

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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