

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 30, 2008, at 10:00 a.m., in Room D, 3rd Floor, 30 West Spring Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, to consider the following:

Amendment of the following rules:

- 4123-3-08 Preparation and filing of applications for compensation and/or benefits.
- 4123-3-09 Procedures in the processing of applications for benefits.
- 4123-3-15 Claim procedures subsequent to allowance.
- 4123-3-16 Motions.
- 4123-3-17 Briefs.
- 4123-3-18 Appellate procedure.
- 4123-3-22 Inspection of claim files.
- 4123-3-24 Fee controversies.
- 4123-3-29 Informing the claimant of the right to representation.
- 4123-3-30 Procedures to inform claimant on request as to the status of his [or her] claim and of any action necessary to maintain the claim.
- 4123-3-31 Disabled workers' relief fund: claimant's payments.
- 4123-3-32 Temporary total examinations.
- 4123-3-35 Employer handicap reimbursement.
- 4123-3-36 Immediate allowance and payment of medical bills in claims

Rescission of the following rules:

- 4123-3-05 Applications for the payment of medical expenses only.
- 4123-3-12 Suspension of the processing of claims.
- 4123-3-21 Change of address.
- 4123-3-25 Application for change of occupation allowance.

Adoption of the following rule:

- 4123-3-25 Application for change of occupation allowance.

BWC reviewed these rules under the five-year rule review requirement of R.C. 119.032. The rules describe claim procedures in the Ohio workers' compensation system. BWC updated the rules to reflect current BWC procedures, changes in terminology, and statutory and rule changes.

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, 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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