

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation will hold a public hearing on December 5, 2024, at 10:00 A.M. in Room 1, Level 2, 30 West Spring Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, to consider the following rules as summarized below.

OAC 4123-6-37.1 Payment of hospital inpatient services establishes the fees to be paid by BWC to providers of inpatient hospital services for injured workers. For 2024, BWC is proposing to:

- Maintain the current benefit plan with no changes,
- Adopt Medicare 2025 IPPS rule updates
 - 2.9% increase in the market basket (inflation)
 - Quality and value related program adjustments (pay for performance)
- Adopt a BWC payment adjustment factor (PAF) of 121.0% of the Medicare rate.

The full and complete text of the proposed rules is available on the Register of Ohio (<http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us>) and Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation Rules Under Review (<https://info.bwc.ohio.gov/about-bwc/agency-overview/ohio-administrative-code/OAC-rules-under-review>) websites, 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), and the Bureau of Workers' Compensation, Legal Division (30 West Spring Street, 26th Floor, Columbus, Ohio).

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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