NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation will hold a public hearing on Thursday, July 14, 2011, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 2, Level 2, 30 West Spring Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, to consider the following:

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

4123-6-21.3 Outpatient Medication Formulary.

BWC proposes new rule OAC 4123-6-21.3 to improve the efficiency of treatment for injured workers by providing prescribers with a concise list of medications that can be utilized for treatment of approved conditions related to the claim. The formulary also provides the prescriber with information regarding any restrictions or limitations to the use of an approved medication. Likewise the prescriber will know that if a medication is not listed in the formulary, then it will not be reimbursed for treatment of any conditions in a claim. The use of a formulary enhances medication safety by allowing time for the P&T Committee to conduct a thorough review of the clinical merits of new medications before they are approved for use. It will also provide a statutory process by which the bureau may remove or limit the inappropriate utilization of medications in keeping with FDA recommendations as well as current clinical literature and best medical practices.

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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