NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation will hold a public hearing on Friday, December 9, 2011, at 2:00 p.m., in Room 1, Level 2, 30 West Spring Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, to consider the following:

Amendment of the following rules for the purposes as shown below:

4123-6-21.2 Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee.

The proposed change to OAC 4123-6-21.2 provides that the P&T committee shall consist of not more than thirteen nor less than five members who shall be licensed physicians and licensed pharmacists. Several additional, minor formatting and organizational changes are also proposed.

4123-6-21.3 Outpatient Medication Formulary.

BWC now proposes to revise rule OAC 4123-6-21.3 by the addition of restrictions and limitations on reimbursement for certain drugs listed in the formulary. These recommended changes are the result of recommendations from the P&T Committee and reflect BWC's dedication to providing for appropriate care while ensuring the safety of our injured workers. The committee's recommendations resulted from consideration of current literature, accepted treatment guidelines and best clinical practice as well as FDA and manufacturer's published 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 at enotification@bwc.state.oh.us.

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