NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 6, 2004, at 11:00 a.m., Training Room G, 3rd Floor, 30 West Spring Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, to consider the following:

(1) Amendment of the following rules of the Bureau of Workers' Compensation for the purpose as shown below:

4123-17-15 Staff leasing/professional employer arrangements.

The amendments to this rule define the way in which payroll and claims are to be reported to BWC at the Professional Employer Organization (PEO) client level and prohibit a PEO from changing the entity/DBA name on the client policy to that of the PEO policy. The amendments will enable BWC to track experience data (payroll and claims) at the individual employer or client level and will allow BWC to make the necessary adjustments in case a client employer no longer does business with the PEO or the PEO ceases operations.

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, 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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