NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation will hold a public hearing on Friday, February 15, 2013, 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 rule for the purposes as shown below:

4123-6-21.3 Outpatient Medication Formulary.

The proposed changes are listed below and the changes are contained in the Appendix to this rule, which is the formulary drug list.

- Add coverage of two sustained release forms of gabapentin in the Anticonvulsant Drug Class. Those two drugs are Horizant® (gabapentin encarbil) and Gralise® (gabapentin sustained release). These two drugs will be covered by the bureau after a trial of at least 30 days of the immediate release form of gabapentin has demonstrated unacceptable side effects or systemic allergic reaction (as defined in OAC 4123-6-21 paragraph (J) (1).

- Add coverage of the drug Stendra® (avanafil) in the Erectile Dysfunction Drug class. The same quantity restrictions will apply to this drug that apply to similar drugs in the class (6 units per 30 days).

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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