NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation will hold a public hearing on Thursday, March 22, 2018, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 1, Level 2, 30 West Spring Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, to consider the following rules to be amended as summarized below:

4123-6-08 Bureau fee schedule.
The Bureau is required to adopt annual changes to its fee schedules via Chapter 119. of the Revised Code rule making process. The rule establishes the fees to be paid by the Bureau to providers of medical and professional services for injured workers.

4123-6-21.3 Outpatient medication formulary.
The Bureau proposes to revise the formulary appendix to this rule by amending coverage to the drug products listed in the formulary. These proposed changes are the result of recommendations from the Bureau's Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee (P&T). These revisions reflect the Bureau's dedication to providing for appropriate care while ensuring the safety of our injured workers.

4123-6-37.2 Payment of hospital outpatient services.
The Bureau's hospital outpatient services reimbursement methodology is based on Medicare's Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS), which is updated annually. Therefore, the Bureau must also annually update this rule to keep in sync with Medicare.

4123-6-37.3 Payment of ambulatory surgical center services.
RThe Bureau is proposing to amend this rule to update the reimbursement rates for ambulatory surgical center services.

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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