NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, July 1, 2020, at 3:00 p.m., to consider the following rule as summarized below to consider the following rules as summarized below.

This Public Hearing will take place via conference call as a precaution to the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19), in accordance with Section 12 of emergency legislation Am. Sub. H.B. 197 as signed by Governor Mike DeWine effective March 27, 2020. To access this hearing, please dial the following phone number and enter the pin code at the prompt, including "#":

Phone number 614-242-4057
Pin code 4067#

Pursuant to R.C. 119.032, state agencies are required to review all agency rules every five years to determine whether to amend the rules, rescind the rules, or continue the rules without change. Due to such review, the Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) is proposing the following:

Amending:
4123-6-02.2 Provider access to the HPP - provider certification criteria
4123-6-21.3 Outpatient medication formulary.
4123-6-21.6 First fill of outpatient medications.

Enacting:
4123-6-21.7 Reimbursement of opioids in the treatment of pain for a work related injury or occupational disease.
4123-6-21.8 Reimbursement for services to assist in the discontinuation of medications.

Rescinding:
4123-6-21.7 Utilization of opioids in the subacute or chronic phases of pain treatment for a work-related injury or occupational disease.

Further, BWC is amending the following rule to correct a cross reference found in paragraph (D) of the following rule:

4123-18-04 Living maintenance allowance.

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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