NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation will hold a public hearing on June 13, 2024, at 10:00 A.M. in Room 1, Level 2, 30 West Spring Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, to consider the following rules as summarized below.

4123-6-21.2, Pharmacy and therapeutics committee
4123-6-21.3, Outpatient medication formulary
4123-6-21.6, First fill of outpatient medications

The proposed changes to BWC's Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee (P&T Committee) rule OAC 4123-6-21.2 include:

- P&T committee members may resign or be removed by the administrator at any time.
- The pharmacy program director may designate an alternate to serve in the director's absence.
- The P&T committee will hold at least two meetings annually.

In addition to the above, the proposed changes also eliminate, where appropriate, regulatory restrictions "shall," "must," "require," "shall not," "may not," and "prohibit" from the rule, in accordance with the regulatory restriction reduction mandate found in R.C. 121.95 and R.C. 121.951.

The proposed changes to the appendices to BWC's outpatient medication formulary rule OAC 4123-6-21.3 and first fill of outpatient medications rule OAC 4123-6-21,6 include adding, removing, and changing coverage for certain medications.

These proposed changes are the result of recommendations from the P&T Committee. The committee's recommendations resulted from consideration of current literature, accepted treatment guidelines and best clinical practices, as well as FDA recommendations and information published by the drug manufacturers.

The full and complete text of the proposed rules is available on the Register of Ohio (http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us) and Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation Rules Under Review (https://info.bwc.ohio.gov/about-bwc/agency-overview/ohio-administrative-code/OAC-rules-under-review) websites, 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), and the Bureau of Workers' Compensation, Legal Division (30 West Spring Street, 26th Floor, Columbus, Ohio).

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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