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Provider stakeholder meeting coming May 11; participate in person or by videoconference at customer service offices

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Spring 2016 Provider Stakeholder meeting that begins at 1:30 p.m. on May 11.

Customer service office locations

We'll hold the meeting on the second floor of the William Green Building, 30 W. Spring St., Columbus. However, you don't need to be in Columbus to participate in the meeting. We'll broadcast it live via videoconference to our [customer service office locations](#).

Meeting agenda

We'll share updates about our enhancements to medical management. This includes an update on our recent media-praised pharmacy program among other initiatives. In addition, we'll discuss administrative efficiencies such as policy updates and reimbursement activities.

Outside Columbus locations: RSVP

If you plan to attend the meeting at another location other than Columbus, RSVP to [Janice](#). For more information, call 1-800-644-6292, and press options 0-3-0.

Prior authorization and presumptive authorization updates

To best serve Ohio's injured workers and providers, BWC revised the [Medical Prior Authorization Requirements](#) to help providers render necessary, care timely for soft tissue and musculoskeletal injuries.

List of services for first 60 days after an injury

Specifically, BWC revised the list of services a treating provider may perform during the first 60 days after a workplace injury occurs. The list of services now includes fracture care procedures (i.e., casting and splinting), which will expedite treatment for these types of injuries and progress an injured worker towards healing.

Table

In addition, BWC revised the [MCO Standard Prior Authorization Table](#) to reflect the change relative to the drug testing policy (formerly the Urine Drug Testing policy).

Providers may view additional information about prior authorization and presumptive authorization services on the BWC [website](#).

ICD-10-CM Coding and Ohio Workers' Compensation: Post Implementation

BWC was ready when the International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM) implementation began nationally on Oct. 1, 2015. Now we're six months post implementation, and we have five specific coding-efficiency issues to communicate with you. These issues relate to our coding customizations and differences. The issues are below.

Issue 1: Code specificity, including location – [Why is that important to BWC?](#)

Issue 2: What are BWC's coding differences for the seventh character that addresses encounter type? What are the BWC exceptions to the seventh character encounter type usage?

Issue 3: How will BWC customize its claim/condition allowance orders?

Issue 4: What about traumatic versus non traumatic codes?

Issue 5: How is BWC addressing strains (muscles and tendons) in ICD-10-CM for the back?

[Spinal/Back Sprain and Strain Table](#) - part of post implementation fact sheet

For more detailed information about these issues, see post Implementation [fact sheet](#) on our website.

May 1: BWC implements 2016 outpatient fee schedule

BWC rolled out the 2016 outpatient fee schedule on May 1. Originally implemented in 2011, we created the 2016 outpatient fee schedule to maintain consistency in reimbursement for the outpatient setting.

Medicare changes

Last year Medicare published its Final Rule. It included a 0.3-percent decrease in payments. As indicated in [rule 4123-6-37.2](#), we're adopting this slight decrease and updating our payment adjustment factors.

Medicare continues to restructure and consolidate Ambulatory Payment Classifications (APCs). Rates for APCs have changed since 2015, partially due to the continued packaging of APCs. Packaging refers to the process of including integral and ancillary services into a single payment according to the assigned APC and its rate.

New place of service, modifier

We will accept a new place of service (POS) 19 code, which relates to an off-campus hospital provider based department and its services. In addition to this new POS code, a new modifier, –CT, was created. Assign this code according to the guidelines established by the National Electrical Manufacturers Association XR-29-2013 standard. Application of modifier –CT will result in a 5-percent payment reduction for 2016.

For more information, email BWC's [provider relations](#).

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