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BWC introduces new Drug-Free Safety Program

BWC's Board of Directors has reinforced its commitment to the mitigation of substance abuse in Ohio workplaces with the creation of the new Drug-Free Safety Program (DFSP). The Board voted at its March meeting to adopt the program to promote the health of Ohio's work force and to prevent workplace injuries attributed to the use or abuse of alcohol and drugs.

BWC created the DFSP as a result of the recommendations of the recent comprehensive study of Ohio's workers' compensation system, programs and services. The new program, which becomes effective July 1, 2010, features a streamlined focus on safety, and offers improved measurement and evaluation tools to maintain effectiveness. In addition, the DFSP:

- Replaces the Drug-Free Workplace Program;
- Extends eligibility to more employers;
- Eliminates the current program's participation limit of five years;
- Available to group rated employers and employers who maxed out of the DFWP;
- Provides premium discounts from 3 percent to 7 percent.

All current and past DFWP employers are encouraged to participate in the new DFSP. **The application deadline for the DFSP July 1, 2010, to June 30, 2011, program period is June 30, 2010.** The deadline for the program period beginning January 1, 2011, is the last business day in October 2010. For more information on the program and how to apply, [click here](#).

MCO open enrollment period approaching

On a biannual basis, BWC offers an open enrollment period where employers are

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encouraged to evaluate the services their managed care organization (MCO) is providing to determine if they would like to make a change. The MCO open enrollment period runs from **May 3 through May 28**.

MCOs are essential to prompt claim filing, medical treatment and the implementation of recovery and return-to-work programs. They are also the primary link between injured workers, medical providers, employers and BWC. Selection of an MCO is an important decision that directly impacts the health and safety of Ohio employees, and a company's bottom line.

To explain the options available, and to help employers make the best choice for their business, BWC produces the *MCO Selection Guide* and the *MCO Report Card*. The report card provides an objective snapshot of how effectively each MCO manages injury reporting and returning injured employees to work. The guide and report card will be available on ohiobwc.com the week of April 26.

Watch for more details in the May edition of BWC e-news.

Eliminate paperwork - BWC now offers paperless payroll option

BWC has a new option to help simplify payroll reporting and payment of workers' compensation insurance premiums. A paperless option is now available that will notify employers of important filing deadlines by e-mail and allow them to securely pay their premiums online.

This new option is convenient, environmentally friendly and cost-effective. Paperless payroll also allows employers to future date their payment so it's never late. This eliminates the risk of operating without coverage. Enrollment in paperless payroll requires a user to have an ohiobwc.com username and password. Employers who are interested in signing up for paperless payroll should [click here](#) to begin receiving e-mail alerts in time for the July 1, 2010, payroll report.

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