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New online resources show your savings, how you could save more!

BWC now offers two online resources that allow employers to see a list of discount programs in which they're currently participating and their savings, as well as a complete list of all BWC programs and their eligibility for each.

Program eligibility look-up is a simple tool that allows you to look up and view:

- A list of programs in which you are currently participating;
- A listing of all BWC programs and your eligibility status for each;
- Links to more information about eligible programs and online applications (during the application period).

Also, one section shows you what programs you will be eligible for the next policy year. If you are not eligible for a particular program, the tool lists the reasons why.

Additionally, the Program discount history look-up allows you to view the percentages and cumulative savings on your premium by reporting period based on your participation in BWC programs.

Get started viewing your savings using the [Program discount history look-up](#) and potential future savings using the [Program eligibility look-up](#).

BWC pharmacy efforts aim to aid injured workers

A 12 percent decrease in narcotic prescriptions is among early indicators of how BWC's first ever formulary and a number of other pharmacy management initiatives are helping in efforts to increase positive outcomes for injured workers.

The report from BWC's Pharmacy Department shows the newly enacted formulary has driven down the number of narcotics prescribed to injured workers by 12 percent, or 1.1 million doses, supporting Governor John Kasich's efforts to address the Ohio's opiate epidemic.

"Ohio's new formulary is proving an effective way to help manage care and ensure we are getting injured workers the right prescriptions for the right conditions at the right time," said BWC Administrator/CEO Steve Buehrer. "While narcotics can be a legitimate part of the treatment process, we owe it to Ohio's workers to ensure their road to recovery doesn't descend down the dark path of addiction."

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The formulary, along with other controls BWC has placed on its pharmacy program, is helping improve the efficiency and effectiveness of treatment, limit the inappropriate use of medications and lower prescription costs.

Read more about the report and all of BWC's pharmacy efforts [here](#).

BWC to honor Ohio's fallen workers

Ohio's workers are its greatest resource, and last year too many of those workers lost their lives. More than 100 workplace death claims were filed last year and BWC will once again pay tribute to these fallen workers. The annual Fallen Workers' Memorial ceremony will be Wednesday, August 29 at 11 a.m. in the auditorium of the William Green Building, 30 W. Spring Street in Columbus.

BWC Administrator/CEO Steve Buehrer and members of the BWC Board of Directors will lead the ceremony. BWC staff then read the names of the workers who died across Ohio from July 1, 2011, to June 30, 2012.

We will post the ceremony on [BWC's YouTube channel](#) the afternoon of August 29.

BWC awards more than \$206,000 to support workplace safety

BWC awarded safety intervention grants totaling more than \$206,000 to Ohio employers in June. BWC designed the Safety Intervention Grant Program to assist Ohio employers in reducing illnesses and injuries and to create a partnership with them to establish best practices for accident and injury prevention.

The program provides eligible private and public employers a 2-to-1 matching grant, up to a maximum of \$40,000, meaning a total of \$60,000 — \$20,000 from the employer and \$40,000 from BWC. The goal is a substantial reduction or elimination of workplace injuries and illnesses, and their related costs.

Read about June's grant recipients [here](#).

Are you doing your best to protect your workers? BWC's [safety consultants](#) will work with you to make your workplace safer, and advise you on how you may utilize the [safety grant program](#).

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