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Medical & Health Symposium, April 26 – 27: Offers continuing education, [register now](#)

Don't miss our fourth annual [Medical & Health Symposium](#). Our first-ever Friday, Saturday conference on April 26 – 27 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center features continuing education credits for health-care practitioners and legal professionals. Here are the [speakers](#).

Opioid epidemic

We are dedicating several sessions to the opioid epidemic. Pharmacist Chris Hart shares his journey of chemical dependency to recovery, including relapse. On Saturday, Hart provides an open question-and-answer session giving attendees an opportunity to *Ask an Addict*. Dr. Sanford Silverman, a pain clinic medical director, will discuss two epidemics: opioids and pain.

Robert Stutman, one of America's highest profile Drug Enforcement Agency special agents and formerly "the most famous narc in America" (New York magazine), tells how our current drug epidemic differs from previous generations. He also describes actions

that can be taken to better identify and prevent prescription drug misuse/abuse and diversion.

Former Judge Jodi Debbrecht-Switalski speaks about one of the most compelling cases for action to mitigate liability resulting from the worst drug epidemic our country has ever seen in her session titled, *Your Name is on the Bottle*.

Medical marijuana, traumatic brain injuries, patient collaboration and chiropractic care

In addition, Mark Pew and Reginald Fields discuss medical marijuana in their presentations *Is Marijuana Medicine?* and *Everything Physicians Must Know about Medical Marijuana in Ohio*.

The symposium also features speakers on traumatic brain injuries, patient collaboration and chiropractic care. Here's the [brochure](#) that explains each session in more detail and gives speaker bios as well as conference logistics.

Provider staff forum

For staff who manage the day-to-day operations of workers' compensation processes and workflows, we're offering an educational track, the provider staff forum, on Friday.

[Register](#) today and plan to attend. Visit with our varied exhibitors. We look forward to seeing you April 26 – 27 in Columbus!

Note: View the conference [website](#) for updated information on continuing education.

BWC releases Provider Billing and Reimbursement Manual update

We released our latest quarterly update to the *Provider Billing and Reimbursement Manual* (BRM). We will add new and updated policies into the chapter titled New, Revised and Updated Policies each quarter.

As we migrate policies from BRM chapters, we'll replace the old policy and format. The provider will see table of contents and policy references to the *New, Revised and Updated Policy* link. Providers should consult the quarterly highlights page to identify all changes made to each BRM section.

Policy updates

We published the first quarter 2019 *Billing and Reimbursement Manual* update late in

March. The update includes these two policies:

- Documentation for timed services;
- Hospital services.

We hosted a recent webinar on the documentation for timed services requirements to alert providers to the new requirements. You may view the video and slides from that webinar [here](#).

The hospital services policy is not new but to improve communication, we combined billing instructions with reimbursement and coverage information. In the past, this information was in Chapters 2 and 4. This policy now provides hospitals with one view of the information they need to know to bill us.

You will find these policy updates and the remainder of the [Provider Billing and Reimbursement Manual](#) on the website. If you have questions, please use this [email](#).

View webinar at noon, April 25: learn about the billing update, telemedicine and communication-technology services

You won't want to miss our 30-minute provider and staff webinar about the quarterly *Provider Billing and Reimbursement* that begins at noon on April 25. You may register [here](#).

During the webinar, we will also discuss the most up-to-date information about telemedicine and communication-technology services.

In addition, we invite you to [register](#) for our June 26 webinar, *Understanding workers' compensation International Classification of Diseases coding for the provider's office*. For more information, email [provider relations](#).

Upcoming medical meetings

Our Medical and Health Division chairs committee meetings that are open to the public. We list topics and speakers on the agenda. Two of this spring's meetings are:

- **Pharmacy & therapeutics committee** – This meeting begins at 1:30 p.m., April 17. The committee members meet to discuss our formulary and the pharmacy program.

- **Health Care Quality Assurance Advisory Committee Quarterly Meeting** – This meeting begins at 10 a.m., May 8.

We schedule the meetings for two hours and we hold them on the second floor of the William Green Building, 30 W. Spring St., Columbus. If you have questions, please email them [here](#).



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