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Important reminders for MEDCO-14/C-84 revisions

Please remember

- The implementation date for the revised Physician's Report of Work Ability (MEDCO-14) is Aug. 17, 2012. Providers will no longer complete the Request for Temporary Total Compensation (C-84); it's for injured workers only.
- Providers may order these forms [online](#) through Forms and Publications on or after Aug. 17.
- Submit MEDCO-14s to managed care organizations (MCOs) as you currently do medical documentation — through our MCO medical repository fax numbers. BWC receives a copy of that form to the claim simultaneously. Here's a link to the [MCO Medical Directory](#).
- C-84s previously submitted supporting a period of disability or restrictions are valid through the period previously reported. When that period expires, use the revised form.
- Per Ohio law, you may submit an equivalent form of the MEDCO-14 to BWC. The equivalent form must contain the same information you would include on the MEDCO-14. Identify the form as the MEDCO-14 equivalent when submitting it.

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We appreciate your ongoing input as this implementation moves forward to enhance our return-to-work (RTW) efforts and best manage safe RTW opportunities for Ohio's injured workers and employers. Please forward additional feedback to [Tammie Mihaly](#) or [Janet Wilks](#).

Helping injured workers transition back to work

Beginning July 2, BWC reinitiated a program to assist employers with developing a work environment to effectively and safely return injured workers to work. The reinitiated Transitional Work Grants Program provides funds to employers to help them design programs that personalize job accommodations. These modified job duties will enable injured workers to gradually and safely return to their original jobs.

This program focuses on a gradual return to work that generally begins prior to the injured worker being completely healed. Your role in providing health-care services to an injured worker is critical to the success of the transitional work process.

Information you provide on the MEDCO-14 directly aids BWC, MCOs and employers in identifying transitional work possibilities. Once transitional work modified job duties are identified, per the information you provided, typically we like to engage you the provider to ensure the identified duties are appropriate.

For your information, you can go to ohiobwc.com and review information on the specifics of the current [transitional work program](#). In addition, you may [email](#) questions and comments to the transitional work support unit.

Fee schedule update

A key annual activity which BWC undertakes is the review and updating of the five fee schedules employed to manage the approximate \$800 million in medical spent for injured workers' claims (See list below.). The underlying principle guiding development and updates is:

We are developing schedules which ensure access to high-quality medical care and vocational rehabilitation services by establishing an appropriate benefit plan and terms of service with competitive fees, which in turn, enhances the medical/vocational provider network.

Beginning in August and running through December, we will post recommendations made to the BWC Board of Directors for each of the fee schedules. We will provide notice to you or your association when we will post schedules. You will have a two-week time frame to respond. In mid-August, we will post the medical provider and services fee schedule recommendations [online](#). We encourage you to evaluate the recommendations and provide us your comments.

You may access current and past fee schedules [here](#).

Fee schedule Effective date (s) Update summary

1. Medical providers and services - Jan. 1, 2013; Covers all medical providers and medical services not addressed by any of the other schedules (OAC 4123-6-8)

2. Hospital outpatient - April 1, 2013 Covers facilities for outpatient services (OAC 4123-6-37.2)

3. Hospital inpatient - Feb. 1, 2013; Covers facilities for inpatient services

(OAC 4123-6-37.1)

4. Ambulatory surgical centers (ASC) - April 1, 2013; Covers facility portion of services provided in ambulatory surgery centers (OAC 4123-6-37.3)

5. Vocational rehabilitation services - Oct. 1, 2012 Covers all vocational rehabilitation services
(OAC 4123-18-09)

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