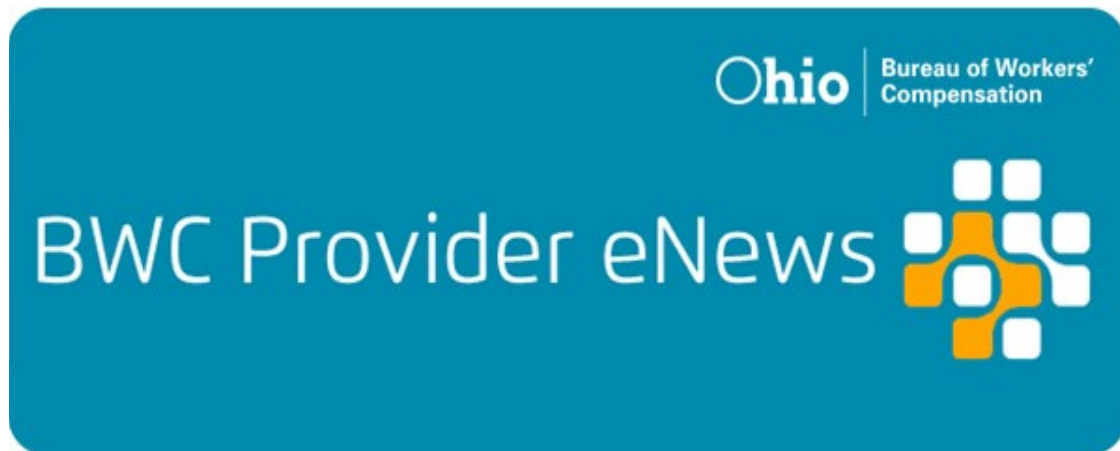


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New webinar series for providers begins Jan. 29

We're announcing a new clinical webinar series for you coming in January 2019. Each 30-minute webinar session will begin at noon on the last Tuesday of every other month. BWC Chief Medical Officer Terrence Welsh, M.D., and Medical Projects Director Brian Wilson, DC, will facilitate the educational sessions at a peer-to-peer level.

Guest speaker Nick Trego, PharmD, RPh, will join them to kick off the series on Jan. 29. They will cover the best clinical practices for opioid utilization and our opioid rule regarding proper documentation and monitoring checkpoints.

Upcoming webinars

- March 26 – Treatment Guidelines for Lumbar Fusion Surgery
- May 28 – Understanding the Enhanced Care Program

The remaining dates are July 30, Sept. 24 and Nov. 26. We'll announce session topics closer to the dates. If you have clinical topics you would like us to cover, feel free to send those topics to us. Mark your calendar and save the dates for the 2019 clinical webinar series.

Register before each session to participate

Registration will be on the BWC website, www.bwc.ohio.gov, beginning in January.

If you have questions, contact us at 1-800-644-6292, option 0-3-0 or [email us](#). Please share this information with your colleagues. We look forward to your participation.

BWC requires four-digit revenue codes beginning in January

Beginning Jan.1, BWC will require the use of four-digit revenue codes on paper and electronic facility bills submitted, regardless of the date of service. This change makes us consistent with national billing standards.

For those providers already submitting four-digit revenue codes, there will be no change.

If you have questions, [email BWC's Provider Contact Center](#).

Providers and your staff: Attend our Medical & Health Symposium April 26 – 27, 2019

We invite you and your staff to our fourth annual Ohio Workers' Compensation Medical & Health Symposium. This leading educational event with well-respected state, national and international speakers will be April 26 to 27, 2019, at the Greater Columbus Convention Center.

Two educational tracks available

There are two educational tracks for the symposium – the Provider Clinical Education and Provider Staff Forum.

The Provider Clinical Education track is for health-care practitioners and offers continuing education credits. This track runs both days, Friday, April 26 and Saturday, April 27.

We designed the Provider Staff Forum for office staff/administrators who manage the day-to-day operations of workers' compensation processes and workflows within a health-care system or provider's office. The Provider Staff Forum is Friday, April 26.

Why a change in dates?

At the request of our providers and to better fit your schedules, we're having the symposium on a Friday and Saturday. In addition, we based the dates on the growing

demand from our many customers to attend the Ohio Safety Congress & Expo and the Medical & Health Symposium. The dates for the symposium are different than safety congress, which we're holding March 6 to 8, 2019.

Registration opens in January

So, mark your calendars now for April 26 to 27, 2019, for the symposium. If you have questions, call BWC's provider contact center at 1-800-644-6292, option 0-3-0, or email medsymposium@ohio.gov.

Providers are employers, too! New videos provide workers' comp assistance

We announced a new pilot discount program in mid-summer for employers – the Policy Activity Rebate Program. A portion of this program provides short videos that raise awareness and increase understanding of some of the most important aspects of workers' compensation.

Videos to view

These videos provide a short comprehensive explanation of the topics important to employers. Below are the four medical videos we'd like to share with our provider community because they often have dual roles in the workers' compensation system – provider and employer. Click on the links below to view these new videos.

- [How to get an Injured Worker Back to Work](#)
- [Medication Education and Awareness](#)
- [Navigating the MCO System: What Every Employer Should Know](#)
- [What to do During the First 30 Days of a Claim](#)

If you have questions, call us at 1-800-644-6292. We'll be happy to help.

Take Charge Ohio survey: safe pain management, medication use

BWC is one of several state agencies committed to addressing the epidemic of pain medication misuse and abuse. We're also proud supporters of [Take Charge Ohio](#), an initiative aimed at raising awareness among health-care providers, patients and the public about safe pain management and medication use.

Our partners at the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services are conducting a survey to assess the best means for promoting Take Charge Ohio and the topic of opiate addiction.

30-second video, short survey

As a partner in treating Ohio's injured workers, your input will be invaluable. We ask that you consider participating by first viewing a 30-second [video](#). Then, complete the short [survey](#).



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