Important provider form updates

BWC has released two important provider form updates – the Request for Additional Medical Documentation for C-9 Psychological Services (C-9-A Psych), and the Physician’s Report of Work Ability (MEDCO-14).

Implementation of the new C-9-A Psych
Providers will use the C-9-A Psych when a managed care organization (MCO) needs additional medical documentation to review fully a treatment request for psychological services. The MCO will send the form to the psychological service provider when he or she did not provide the needed information on the Mental Health Notes Summary (MEDCO-16) or other psychological documentation.

The C-9-A Psych is now available on our website. The form does not request information defined as “psychotherapy notes” under the Health Information Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA).

Additional functionality available on MEDCO-14
In our continued efforts for simplicity, BWC recently added additional functionality to the MEDCO-14. You can now save the MEDCO-14, available on our website, to your desktop. You can then complete it electronically and fax it directly from your computer to the injured worker’s MCO. By faxing the form to the MCO, BWC automatically receives a copy without you faxing the form twice.
The MEDCO-14 must contain the provider’s signature. Therefore, remember to insert the provider’s electronic signature prior to faxing. The faxing/print functionality is located in the upper right corner.

You may still print and sign the form manually. You can also still bulk order the MEDCO-14 from the medical provider form page if necessary to accommodate your office’s workflow.

Questions
Should you have questions about either of these enhancements, contact the MCO assigned to the injured worker's claim or the BWC provider contact center at 1-800-644-6292 option 0-3-0.

Changes to BWC’s coverage of opioid prescriptions

Several changes to BWC’s coverage of opioid prescriptions took effect on Jan. 1. Click here to view the sustained release opioid coverage tiers and click here to see the revisions of opioid coverage.

We’ve provided a synopsis of the most significant changes below.

Immediate release opioid dosage forms

- Coverage of the first opioid prescription is limited to seven days or 30 doses whichever is less.
- Quantity limits were set which will require a prior authorization to exceed.
- BWC no longer covers concurrent use of more than one IR opioid.
- BWC no longer covers Methadone as an immediate release opioid.
- Prescribers must reduce doses of IR opioids by 50 percent within six months of initiating a sustained release dosage form.

Sustained release opioid dosage forms

- New quantity limits require a prior authorization to exceed.
- Coverage tiers reflect new changes. Coverage impacted includes: Oxycontin®, Methadone, Nucynta ER®, Butrans®.
- Initial coverage of Methadone requires documentation of a 12 lead EKG and annually as long as use continues.
- BWC no longer covers SR opioids concurrently with parenteral pain medications.
- BWC no longer covers SR opioids in post operative treatment unless covered prior to surgery.
Compliance with the Opioid Prescribing Rule (Ohio Administrative Code 4123-6-21.7)

- BWC’s pharmacy department will begin reviewing opioid use for documentation of compliance with the new rule.
- Lettering of non-compliant prescribers will begin in late January.
- The link to the complete rule is [here](#).

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact the BWC pharmacy department by email or call 1-877-543-6446.

Register for free continuing education: Ohio Workers’ Compensation Medical & Health Symposium, March 9 – 10, Columbus

Registration is now open. “Comprehensive Care for the Injured Worker” is our theme at this year’s [Ohio Workers’ Compensation Medical & Health Symposium](#), March 9 – 10. The symposium will be at the Hyatt Regency Columbus, 350 N. High St., in downtown Columbus. It runs in conjunction with the [Ohio Safety Congress & Expo](#).

Exhibitors
If you or a health-care employer who works with you in caring for injured workers is interested in exhibiting at the two-day symposium, please review our [exhibitor information](#).

Searchable symposium site
The symposium website offers sections for Attendees, Continuing Education Credit, Registration, Symposium Sessions and Symposium Speakers. Leading national and state experts are session speakers.

Topics
Kevin Glennon, RN, BSC, CDMS, CWCP, QRP, vice president of clinical services, One Call Care Management, Jacksonville, Fla., will speak about Managing the Changing Needs of the Aging Injured Worker.

Jeffrey Hunter, MSC, DC, DO, FAAFP, chief medical officer for Molina Healthcare of Ohio and a clinical professor at Ohio University, and Robin Hunter, DC, ICSSD, FFIAMA, FICC, a sports medicine and rehabilitation chiropractor and acupuncturist, will discuss
Approaches to Non-Opioid Treatment Options. Phil LeFevre, senior vice president of business development, Work Loss Data Institute, LLC, Austin, Tex., will speak on “Using the ODG Guidelines for Evidence-Based Care Management.”

Matthew Levy, M.D., orthopedic surgeon of the Saint Vincent Charity Hospital and co-medical director, 1-888-OHIOCOMP, Cleveland, will present Periarticular Injuries of the Lower Extremity.

Directions before you begin your registration
You must know your employer’s BWC policy number to register as an attendee. Use the employer look-up to search for your BWC policy number or contact your company’s human resources department. To register, physicians must have their National Provider Identifier (NPI). Use the NPI look-up to find your number. Register early because seating is limited.

For more information, call BWC’s provider contact center at 1-800-644-6292, options O-3-0, or send an email. You may link to the symposium website from BWC’s Medical Providers page.

### Professional Provider Fee Schedule annual update

Annual updates to the BWC Medical Services and Professional Provider Fee Schedule are effective Jan. 1, 2017. The updates reflect adoption of Medicare updates as written in the 2016 final rule. In addition, the updates reflect relevant current procedural terminology (CPT) and Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes additions and/or deletions. Medicare adopted these additions and/or deletions in 2017 and include the new therapy codes (97161-97168).

The new therapy code descriptions require the applicable therapy modifier to identify the plan of care under which the therapist delivers the services. BWC will require the applicable modifier (-GP, -GO) to be appended to the new therapy codes. BWC will reject bills submitted without the modifier. The Always Therapy code list includes the new therapy codes. They replace the deleted therapy codes.

**Note:** Although the fee schedule reflects the new CPT and HCPCS codes, final 2017 pricing of the new codes is not complete. BWC identifies the incomplete fees as TBD (To Be Determined). Pursuant to BWC’s methodology for finalizing and implementing the fee for new CPT and HCPCS codes, BWC will publish final fees for the TBD codes in late
January.

The updated BWC Professional Provider Fee Schedule is available for download at www.bwc.ohio.gov. Please click here to read information about “incident to” billing, telemedicine and telephone billing codes, and the BWC annual fee schedule update for inpatient hospital services.

**Patient education opioid fact sheets available online**

Given the consequences of opioid addiction, BWC collaborated with other organizations to help providers, employers and injured workers understand better the potential risks of opioid over usage.

To find these fact sheets, go to the Opioid prescribing rule and guidelines section of Medical Providers on www.bwc.ohio.gov. Under the subhead, Patient education, are fact sheets you may print and share with injured workers.

**Print fact sheets for injured workers**

- Drug Addiction Affects All Ohioans;
- If Opioids Have Not Relieved Your Chronic Pain;
- Is My Pain Medication Making Me Worse?

For more information, email Pharmacy.Benefits@bwc.state.oh.us.

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