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Drug testing update

BWC revised the Urine Drug Testing policy (MP-21-01) to include provisions for alternative (i.e., blood, hair follicle, saliva) drug-testing methods and updated billing codes for the drug screens.

Effective date: Aug. 11

As a result, we changed the policy name to encompass the expansion of this policy. The policy is no longer being referred to as *Urine Drug Testing* but is now titled, *Drug Testing* policy (MP-21-01). The effective date for the *Drug Testing* policy (MP-21-01) is Aug. 11, 2015.

Please note our preferred method of drug testing is urine specimen collection. But, we will authorize alternative drug testing methods only when a urine specimen is unobtainable due to medically documented reasons.

Updated billing codes

In addition, the policy includes updated billing codes for drug testing. The billing codes are current as of January 2015.

The existing Health Care Procedural Coding System (HCPCS) codes G0431 (high complexity test method - per patient encounter) and G0434 (moderate complexity test - per patient encounter) continue as valid codes for billing BWC in 2015. In addition, BWC will adopt the new HCPCS code G6058 (drug confirmation - each procedure) to replace expired code CPT 80102 (drug confirmation - each procedure).

If you have policy questions, please [email](#) us.

Enhanced Care Program is in full swing

After working with stakeholders on its design for more than a year, BWC's Enhanced Care Program went live on July 1. As of July 6, several large northeast Ohio health systems and more than 100 physicians are participating in the program.

In addition, BWC introduced new functionality on www.bwc.ohio.gov that enables all parties involved in a claim to understand better how the Enhanced Care Program benefits each of them. It also features an easy-to-use look-up service that will help injured workers identify physicians participating in the program.

Searching for an Enhanced Care physician

Since the program is a pilot, only certain claimants are eligible to participate. To participate, a claimant must:

- Work for a state-fund employer;
- Live in Northeast Ohio;
- Have an allowed claim for knee injuries only.

An eligible claimant must also select a physician of record (POR) who is participating in the Enhanced Care Program. To find a list of participating physicians:

- Go to www.bwc.ohio.gov;
- Click on the Enhanced Care Program icon at the bottom of the home page or medical providers page;
- Click the Find an Enhanced Care Program physician of record link;
- Click the knee box and enter as much identifying criteria as possible before clicking the **search** button.

Becoming a participating POR

PORs participating in the Enhanced Care Program benefit from improved outcomes, a simplified process and increased reimbursement. If you are a BWC-certified physician and want more information or wish to join the program, email Janice.

Succeeding as a specialist or an ancillary provider

Specialists do not need to enroll as a POR to participate in the Enhanced Care Program. A POR will coordinate where appropriate. However, because the program allows for treatment of both allowed conditions as well as causally-related conditions, specialists or other ancillary service providers should be aware of the following:

1. Not yet allowed conditions. As a part of the Enhanced Care Program, a claimant can be treated for allowed conditions and causally-related conditions not yet allowed;

2. PORs will use the new *Physician's Treatment Request (ECP-TX)* to document their care plans. This form will document the strategy the POR will use to provide care for the claimant for both allowed and causally-related conditions;

3. Care can begin without waiting for MCO approval. A POR – along with other providers that are a part of the initial care plan – can collectively begin treating both allowed and causally-related conditions without waiting for MCO approval so long as the care that's rendered is consistent with the “green” section of the *Official Disability Guidelines*;

4. BWC can pay specialists for treating causally-related conditions. Specialists providing services for causally related conditions can bill against the ECP-TX to receive reimbursement.

More information

Please visit www.bwc.ohio.gov for the most up-to-date information along with a list of the forms and materials participating PORs need to be successful in the program.

BWC now certifies employment specialists

Employment specialists are vocational rehabilitation providers specializing in these five services:

- Job placement;
- Job development;
- Job seeking skills training;
- Job club;
- Job coaching.

Vocational rehabilitation providers rendering any of these services must be BWC certified as an employment specialist by Oct. 1, 2015.

Need a MEDCO-13 to apply

We mailed notification letters to vocational rehabilitation service providers in the spring. This letter informed them that they must complete an *Application for Provider Enrollment and Certification* (MEDCO-13) to obtain a new provider number as an employment specialist.

You can find the Ohio Administrative Code rule governing the enrollment criteria and maintenance requirement for BWC certification at <https://www.bwc.ohio.gov/downloads/blankpdf/OAC4123-6-02.2.pdf>.

If you have questions, call 1-800-644-6292, and listen to the options.

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