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# BWC Provider eNews



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## View BWC's updated Provider Billing and Reimbursement Manual

We've posted our new, revised Provider Billing and Reimbursement Manual on our website in the [Medical Providers section](#).

We do not print or mail the manual to providers. However, we expect all providers to reference it as their first resource for provider policy and reimbursement information. [Email](#) us with any questions.

## Rules review due for Health Partnership Program

Every five years BWC is required to review our agency Ohio Administrative Code (OAC). Over the next several months, we're sending rule revisions in four separate sections externally to our medical and rehabilitation association stakeholder lists for public comment.

The rule revisions include three portions for Chapter 4123-6 (Health Partnership Program operational rules, medical rules, Qualified Health Plan) and Chapter 4123-18 (Vocational rehabilitation). You can find BWC rules and a link to the OAC [Rules Under Review](#) on our website. In addition, you may join our medical and rehabilitation association stakeholder lists by emailing [providerlistserv@bwc.state.oh.us](mailto:providerlistserv@bwc.state.oh.us).

### Response time is limited

You only have a two-week time frame to offer feedback on BWC rules once you receive our notification. We'll review your comments and share them with the BWC Board of Directors before they vote to pass any recommended revisions.

For more information, see the April 2013 Provider eNews article, ["How does BWC notify providers of law changes that affect them?"](#)

Don't miss this opportunity to let your voice be heard.

## Outpatient formulary changes effective June 1

Beginning June 1, the following changes to the outpatient medication formulary are effective:

- Prescriptions for hypnotic agents are now limited to zolpidem, zolpidem ER, temazepam, ezopiclone and zaleplon;
- We cover products containing butalbital only in claims that have some form of headache as a specific allowed condition. We limit new prescriptions for these products to 24 doses per month.

Click [here](#) for more information on our Pharmacy Benefits Program.

### New changes proposed for the outpatient formulary

We're proposing changes to Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 4123-6-21.3 Appendix A, the outpatient formulary drug list. A copy of the Appendix with the proposed changes is available on our [website](#) for stakeholder review.

To view a list of the specific revisions, click [here](#).

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