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Meet Dr. Welsh: BWC's chief medical officer

The former chief medical advisor for the Ohio Industrial Commission (IC) has joined BWC as its chief medical officer. Terrence B. Welsh, M.D., who specializes in physical medicine and rehabilitation, brings extensive experience with the workers' compensation system to his role.

Dr. Welsh served from 2007 to 2014 as medical advisor to the IC, which hears appeals of BWC and self-insuring employer decisions. He's also a past member of BWC's Health Care Quality Assurance Advisory Committee. He most recently served as chief of medical affairs for Fairfield Medical Center in Lancaster.

Private, government leadership

From serving as chief medical advisor for the IC to working in a solo or multi-physician practice, Dr. Welsh's experience combines a private practice with state government knowledge. When he first went into practice, he worked at hospital systems in Chillicothe, Circleville, Columbus and Lancaster. He then was a partner in a private Portsmouth practice in partnership with the Southern Ohio Medical Center for 24 years.

As evidenced by his leadership, he served as chief medical officer for King's Daughter Medical Center, Portsmouth, as well as chief of staff for the Southern Ohio Medical Center. He's also been president of the Ohio Society of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and the Scioto County Medical Society.

Dr. Welsh completed his medical training at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. He completed his residency in physical medicine and rehabilitation at the William Beaumont Health System in Royal Oak, Michigan.

Jan. 1, 2018: Enhanced Care Program success brings expansion beyond Northeast Ohio

Based on our [Enhanced Care Program's \(ECP's\)](#) success to date, we're expanding the program's concepts statewide in stages for knee-only injuries beginning Jan. 1, 2018, with full implementation by July 1, 2018. Our program expansion comes from the recommendation of the health-care consultant contract agreement with The Center for Health Outcomes, Policy and Evaluation Studies, a unit of The Ohio State University College of Public Health.

Our plan is to first expand the program to the eight contiguous northeast counties already using the ECP concepts. ([See map.](#)) During this same time, the program will roll out to the Southwest region. This region is mostly covered by BWC's Cincinnati and Dayton claims offices. Our goal is to educate BWC and managed care office staff, along with physicians and physician staff, beginning now through December with an effective date of Jan. 1, 2018.

The next roll-out region will be Central – Southeast during the first quarter of 2018 then finish the fiscal year in Northwest Ohio. While we divided the state into regions for expansion, if a physician's office or health-care system would like an earlier effective date, we can work with them individually.

For more information about this program, visit our website or email jill.p.2@bwc.state.oh.us.

Providers, staff, exhibitors: BWC's 2018 Medical & Health Symposium, March 8 – 9, 2018

Medical practitioners and staff, you're invited!

The 2018 Ohio Workers' Compensation Medical & Health Symposium is a free world-

class educational opportunity at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. Our third annual symposium focuses on Comprehensive Care for an Injured Worker.

In keeping with this theme, the 2018 symposium will include a [Provider Clinical Education](#) track and offer continuing education credits. New this year based on your feedback, BWC's planning committee added a [Provider Staff Forum](#) track designed specifically for office support staff.

Provider Clinical Education

This track offers expert speakers in addiction, behavioral health, chiropractic medicine, cultural diversity, orthopedic surgery, pharmacology, physical medicine and rehabilitation, psychology and total worker health.

The provider clinical education track is a free continuing education opportunity for health-care professionals to learn about the latest trends and evidence-based medicine. This track features leading state, national and international experts in workers' compensation.

New! Provider Staff Forum

This track offers a full day (Friday, March 9) of education designed specifically for provider office staff related to key workers' compensation policies and procedures.

We recommend this portion of the symposium for office staff/administrators who are responsible for the day-to-day operations of workers' compensation processes and workflow within a health-care system.

Save the date, plan to attend

Remember, our event is limited to 700 attendees for the Provider Clinical Education track and 125 attendees for the Provider Staff Forum track.

Online registration opens January 2018.

If you have questions, call BWC's provider contact center at 1-800-644-6292, option 0-3-0, or email medsymposium@bwc.state.oh.us. For more information, go to bwc.expoplanner.com/medical.

Rule defines time period for filing medical or vocational rehabilitation fee bills

BWC has a rule that defines the time period to submit medical or vocational rehabilitation fee bills for payment consideration.

[Ohio Administrative Code \(OAC\) 4123-3-23](#) specifies fee bills for medical or vocational rehabilitation services rendered in a claim shall be submitted to BWC, (a managed care organization) or the Ohio Industrial Commission for payment within one year of the date upon which the service is rendered or one year after the date the services became payable. We noted billing and adjustment request time lines in the table below.

Date of service	Time to submit bills	Time to file adjustment
Before July 29, 2011	Two years	No limit
July 29 – Sept. 11, 2011	One year	No limit
Sept. 12, 2011 and after	One year	Within one year, seven days of adjudication of the initial fee bill

Additional time frames

- One year from the date of final claim or condition allowance;
- One year from the date of a final district hearing officer order or staff hearing officer order;
- Two years from date of service, if another party was billed such as private insurance, employer or injured worker;
- Six years from date of service if the provider’s payment was recovered by Medicaid;
- Six years from date a claim was settled, if Medicare is requesting reimbursement for compensable medical costs they paid but BWC held ongoing responsibility for medical during the identified time period.



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