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Safety Grants: Helps you buy safe equipment for your employees

A dollar spent on improving workplace safety results in \$3 savings in accident and injury costs. More importantly, investments in safety mean Ohio workers are less likely to be injured and more likely to return home safely each day. That's why our A Billion Back plan includes a funding increase for the safety grant programs from \$5 million to \$15 million.

More money, more options

The [Safety Intervention Grant Program](#) provides 3 to 1 matching of funds (up to \$40,000) to help Ohio eligible employers* purchase equipment that improves job safety, health and ergonomics. Examples of eligible items include patient lifts, slip-resistant mats and truck lifts. These items not only help to prevent occupational injuries and illnesses, but also facilitate return to work or remain at work. As an employer you may take advantage of safety grants for your clinic, hospital, group practice or a rehabilitation center.

Workplace wellness grants

BWC also offers [workplace wellness grants](#) to help Ohio employers establish employee wellness programs. Employers can use these grants for biometric testing, health-risk appraisals and health promotion programs/services aimed at addressing health risks and enhancing employees' well-being.

BWC's grant programs can produce tremendous benefits for Ohio's employers, workers and the state's economy. We encourage you to visit our [website](#) and take advantage of these valuable grant programs.

Learn more about our services that promote workplace safety and encourage

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investments in protecting Ohio's workers by contacting our [Division of Safety & Hygiene](#) at 1-800-644-6292.

*Eligible employers must pay into the State Insurance Fund, maintain active coverage and be current on money owed to BWC. They also must demonstrate the need for a safety intervention.

Did you know?

Are you aware that our provider relations department can answer your questions and resolve issues you may experience?

Keeping your provider number in a payable status is important to you and BWC. Within this department, we enroll and certify providers and update your records. The provider area of BWC's customer contact center also is part of this department. So far this year, this area:

- Processed 12,153 applications and added 5,775 new providers to BWC's system;
- Handled 25,989 phone calls, 252 chat sessions and 326 public email inquiries.

How may we help you?

Our provider relations representatives are available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 1-800-644.6292, and press options 0, 3, 0 to speak with a representative. Or send us an [email](#).

We're waiting to hear from you!

Upcoming revisions to BWC's medical rules

BWC has eight Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rules under revision. All are in various stages of the rules adoption process outlined in the [April 2013 edition of Provider eNews](#). As the titles indicate, these rules involve changes in the outpatient medication formulary and coverage, additions to BWC-certified providers, and fee schedules for both inpatient hospitalizations and medical service/supply providers.

We invite you to review these proposed revisions on our [website](#) and send your timely feedback. Rules under revision are as follows:

- OAC 4123-6-21 Payment for outpatient medication (projected implementation November/December 2013);
- OAC 4123-6-21.1 Payment for outpatient medication by self-insuring employer (projected implementation November/December 2013);
- OAC 4123-6-21.5 and 4123-6-21.1 – new proposal changes for later implementation;
- OAC 4123-6-21.3 outpatient medication formulary (projected implementation December 2013);

- OAC 4123-6-02.2 Provider Credentialing Criteria (projected implementation January 2014);
- OAC 4123-6-37.1 Hospital inpatient payment rule (projected implementation Feb. 1, 2014);
- OAC 4123-6-08 Professional Provider Fee Schedule (Projected implementation Jan. 1, 2014 (emergency); April 1, 2014 (permanent))

You also may visit our [Board of Directors site](#) to view the Medical Services and Safety Committee meeting documents that include rule change executive summaries and presentations.

Please take a moment to [forward this email](#) to other managers in your organization and to your colleagues who may find it of value.

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