

Ohio BWC Enhanced Care Program Pilot

What others are saying

"For more than 20 years, Ohio employers have focused on reducing workers' compensation costs through safety initiatives and improving medical care. This program has tremendous potential to modernize care and attract more high-quality physicians to Ohio's workers' comp system. I commend BWC for working with its stakeholders to create an innovative solution that will further improve care for our most important asset - Ohio's workforce."

Eric Burkland, President of The Ohio Manufacturers' Association

"The Enhanced Care Program has tremendous potential to allow physicians to stop processing paperwork and do what they do best - care for claimants. By listening and responding to constraints identified by OHA and other stakeholders, BWC is reshaping its healthcare delivery model. And in the process, OHA believes, from empowering doctors will lead to create better outcomes, increased increase patient satisfaction, and broader broaden physician participation in its network."

Charles Cataline, Vice President, Health Economics and Policy, for the Ohio Hospital Association

"The single most important goal of a workers' comp claim is getting the person healthy and back to work. By removing barriers to prompt care while maintaining the legal rights of all parties, BWC and the stakeholder community have collectively built a solution that I believe will reduce delays, improve care, and return workers to their jobs, their families and their communities faster and healthier than ever before. As a result, the employer will also be returned a valued member of its workforce much sooner and in the process save money."

Phil Fulton of the Ohio Association of Claimants' Counsel

"CareWorks has been a strong partner in BWC's efforts to develop an Enhanced Care Program that can have a lasting positive impact on Ohio's injured workers and employers. The program's comprehensive treatment plan and path for return to work will help to consistently achieve quality claim outcomes."

Lori Finnerty, Vice President of Quality Assurance for CareWorks

"Small businesses rely on their skilled employees to be successful. Too often, we see a workers' comp claim linger in the system for far too long, which is harmful for the claimant and the competitiveness of the employer. We commend the BWC for launching a program that intends to reduce bureaucracy and more rapidly return injured workers to their jobs while maintaining the integrity of the state fund and the employer's experience."

Roger Geiger, Vice President and Executive Director of NFIB/Ohio

"Over the past five years, BWC has become a key component of Ohio's economic success through rate reductions, rebates, and unprecedented investment in workplace safety. The Enhanced Care Program builds on the successes of the past five years with the promise of further reducing employer expenses by eliminating barriers to care. But more importantly, it has the potential to provider a faster, more comprehensive return to work for injured workers."

Andrew Doehrel, President of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce

“Employees are the heart and soul of Ohio’s businesses. It only makes sense to take a holistic approach to caring for an injured worker so they have the best possible outcome.”

Peggy Griffith, a member of BWC’s Board of Directors, representing injured workers

“Through no fault of their own, a number of factors often converge to sideline Ohioans who have been injured on the job much longer than they anticipated. Removing barriers to timely treatment and supporting a comprehensive approach to care will limit delays, bringing workers back to health and back to work.”

David Caldwell, a member of BWC’s Board of Directors representing the Ohio AFL-CIO

“As a physician who is involved in workers’ compensation, I’m encouraged by the Enhanced Care Program’s potential to strengthen doctor-patient relationships and improve claimant outcomes. Physicians will no longer be constrained by completing paperwork or waiting on bureaucracy. Instead, they can focus on doing what they do best - providing timely, high-quality care to help injured workers recover from their workplace injuries and get back to their jobs.”

Dr. David Tanner, Medical Director Employer Services for OhioHealth

“We are proud of our involvement in and lend support to the BWC Enhanced Care Program. The ECP provides injured workers with quality medical care much faster than currently available while still providing temporary total benefits, two benefits that are essential for an injured worker during their period of recovery. The Ohio Association for Justice is very hopeful that the pilot will prove successful and injured workers will be provided the care they require as quickly as possible.”

Ohio Association for Justice

“The Ohio State Chiropractic Association is very excited about the Enhanced Care Program. We have been pleased to see so many stakeholders in one room working together to find solutions to common problems. This program has the potential to optimize the work flow of bureau cases for all parties involved, employer, injured worker, provider and the bureau itself. We look forward to seeing the impact and helping to support its implementation.”

Bharon Hoag, Executive Director, Ohio State Chiropractic Association