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2023 Medical and Health Symposium


Ryan Day, The Ohio State University Head Football Coach, and mental health advocate is a featured speaker on Friday, May 5. Dr. Jerome Adams, former U.S. Surgeon General, and Tony Coder, executive director of the Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation will join Coach Day in a session titled [“Speaking Up and Speaking Out on Mental Health”](#) beginning at 3:30 p.m.

We’re devoting Saturday’s entire curriculum to mental health and wellness and invite you to join us. This event is open to the public, [register today](#), spread the word, and plan to attend.

This year we are seeking approval for 20 [continuing education types](#). BWC’s free symposium is designed for healthcare practitioners, legal professionals, and anyone

that seeks a better understanding of some of the most pressing health topics impacting us all.

You can see the [full lineup of sessions here](#).



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MEDICAL & HEALTH SYMPOSIUM

May 4 - 6, 2023

**"Speaking Up and Speaking Out
on Mental Health"**

Ryan Day, Head Football Coach, The Ohio State University

Friday, May 5, 2023 | 3:30 - 4:30pm ET

Transitional work developer reaccreditation classes coming soon

It's time for many BWC transitional work developers to renew their accreditation.

Transitional work developers who received their accreditation in 2021 are due for reaccreditation in 2023. Check the [list of BWC-accredited transitional work developers](#) on our website to see if you are due to renew.

Reaccreditation webinars

Beginning June 13, we are offering you four opportunities from June through November to attend an online two-hour webinar.

Stay tuned to next month's Provider Update for more information on how to register for an upcoming webinar.

If you have questions, email Tina at Tina.E.1@bwc.state.oh.us, or call 614-995-0437.

Pharmacy outpatient medication formulary

The [outpatient medication formulary](#) is a list of drugs covered by BWC. All medications are listed in their generic form, even if they are not available as generic. BWC does not reimburse for brand name drugs when a generic equivalent is widely available. If a brand name drug is requested and dispensed, the injured worker pays the difference in price between the generic price and the brand name drug.

The [drug search tool](#) is available online. Medications may be searched for by name or national drug code (NDC). This tool will display the brand and generic names. A medication is **not covered** when search returns zero results.

A [prior authorization request](#) must be submitted for:

- All medications in medical-only claims beyond 60 days from the date of injury
- All medications beyond 270 days of last paid prescription
- All medications exceeding \$3,000
- Any medication that has specific requirements as referenced in the formulary appendix

For more information, contact our **dedicated pharmacy contact center** by email or phone.

- Pharmacy.benefits@bwc.state.oh.us
- 1-877-543-6446 between 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Pharmacies needing billing assistance may contact our **pharmacy benefits manager**, Change Healthcare, at 1-888-292-5229, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

This formulary does **not** apply to **self-insuring employers**. If you have questions related to claims with a self-insuring employer, please contact the employer, or call 1-800-644-6292 for assistance.

2023 Fee schedule webinar available online

On Jan. 20, BWC hosted a webinar session for providers to review the 2023 professional provider fee schedule updates and changes. The webinar was recorded and posted on BWC's website for providers to view at any time. To locate the webinar recording and training materials, please visit [Videos | Bureau of Workers' Compensation \(ohio.gov\)](#).

Supervision requirement reminder

As part of the 2023 professional provider fee schedule updates, BWC included specific language that more clearly aligned the rule with existing BWC policy on the requirement of direct supervision of non-covered providers.

Specifically, BWC indicated that non-covered providers that cannot directly enroll with BWC must be directly supervised by an independently licensed and BWC enrolled provider. Non-covered providers include those that cannot directly enroll with BWC, such as physician interns, therapy assistants, and chiropractic assistants.

In order to meet the requirement, direct supervision entails that the licensed and enrolled provider has a direct presence in the room at the time of the service being rendered. This requirement is key to ensuring the safety of injured workers and provision of high-quality medical services. For more information, see the professional provider fee schedule preamble on BWC's website. [Fee schedules \(ohio.gov\)](https://www.bwc.state.oh.us/fee-schedules)

Upcoming meetings

All public meetings of the Health Care Quality Assurance Advisory Committee (HCQAAC), managed care organization (MCO) Medical Directors, and Pharmacy & Therapeutics committee are in-person at BWC's William Green Building (30 W. Spring St., Columbus, Ohio).

The next scheduled meetings are:

- **MCO Medical Directors** from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Apr. 12, 2023
- **HCQAAC** from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., May 10, 2023
- **P & T** from 1 – 3 p.m., May 10, 2023



To request an accommodation due to a disability for this event, contact BWC ADA Coordinator Kathleen Bourke. Please call Kathleen at 614-644-7811 or email eeodept@bwc.state.oh.us, at least one week prior to the meeting date.



Are there BWC services or programs you'd like to learn more about? Do you have questions about forms or procedures? We want to hear from you about what you'd like to see more of in our Provide Update.

Send your comments and suggestions by [email](#) or call our dedicated provider contact center at 1-800-477-2292.

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Mission: To deliver consistently excellent experiences for each BWC customer every day.

Core Values: One Agency, Personal Connection, Innovative Leadership, Relentless Excellence.

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