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BWC to Re-Introduce Documentation of Timed Services Policy

The OSCA just received the latest Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation draft policy that focuses on the documentation of timed services. The Bureau has assured the OSCA that this policy is just a draft, but that the final policy will be taking effect on April 1st, 2019. You can view the draft policy here.

The OSCA has been in contact with several BWC officials since the announcement of this proposed policy. We have stressed that these new requirements would create undue burden. The Bureau has not made our requested changes in the latest draft.

While it is currently unclear if BWC will be asking for additional interested party input, the OSCA plans on submitting comments to the bureau this week. We plan to continue to stress that the proposed policy is not in the best interest of BWC patients or Ohio DCs.

"The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) provides guidance on the capturing of relevant information which verifies the performance of services for which a timed service code is used to bill BWC and to clarify how time for those codes is to be documented. This policy provided controlling context for previous language which addressed how timed service codes were to be documented," read the statement from a BWC official.

It is important to note this policy applies to all BWC identified timed procedure codes and services used in BWC fee schedules. These changes will primarily affect Doctors of Chiropractic and Physical Therapists.

Additionally, the bureau will be scheduling a webinar for **Monday, February 11, 2019** to discuss the latest changes and to give providers notice of the April 1, 2019 effective date. The OSCA will continue to push for changes to this policy. We will update membership with any changes, as they become available.

For any questions, please contact the OSCA Office at osca@oscachiro.org.

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