

HEART BEAT

The monthly newsletter from The OSCA

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Ohio Small Business Relief Grant

The OSCA announced the Ohio Small Business Relief Grant to members on October 26th. This allowed our members to gather their needed information and materials for the grants, that are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. We are proud that many were prepared for the launch of the application. We became aware of a few technical issues with the application system the day of launch, but confirmed with the State of Ohio that the first completed applications were made by early afternoon of November 2nd. While this is a limited grant, we encourage all members who qualify to apply for this opportunity. Although the department has not made any announcements of how many grants are still available, we have been told that they are still accepting applications at this time.

If you have already applied: After an application was submitted, you should keep a close eye on your email. **If your business is awarded, you must log into businesshelp.ohio.gov to complete an Acknowledgement of Eligibility and Acceptance of Funds and verification of information within 7 days.** Once complete, the grant will be processed and the business will receive a check for \$10,000. If your application is ineligible or you do not meet the requirements outlined in the application, you will be notified via email. If you have an incomplete application or errors, you will not be able to correct the application, but will be able to reapply until the funding is exhausted.

[Click here to access the application, FAQ, and qualifications for the Ohio Small Business Relief Grant.](#)

For any questions on this grant, please contact the Development Services Agency at SmallBizRelief@Development.Ohio.gov.



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It's not too late to take the courses from the 2020 OSCA Virtual Convention! All the live and pre-recorded sessions are now up for viewing! Click the image above to go to the event page. Please remember to take all courses you wish to complete by 12/31/2020, as the site will no longer be available after that date. If you still wish to register, you can! [Click here to register to receive 12 hours of continuing education!](#)

Insurance Updates

E/M Changes Effective Jan. 1, 2021: For 2021 CPT updates, the E/M office or other outpatient services code revisions have been the focus, because they are part of a broader Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) "Patients Over Paperwork" initiative that includes administrative simplification as a key goal.

The primary changes provider should note are:

- The deletion of code 99201
- The guidance that 99211 is a non-physician level code and therefore will rarely be used by our offices
- The alignment of medical decision making for codes 99202/99212, 99203/99213, 99214/99215
- Criteria change for the level of code selected (Previously, the number of components included in the history and exam process would factor into the E/M code selection. While a medically appropriate exam and history is still required, it is no longer factored into the CPT selection.)
- Medical Decision Making (MDM) OR Time will determine the level of CPT code selected

Dr. Spaulding has been visiting district meetings in person and via zoom to provide more detailed information on these changes. If you have an upcoming district meeting, plan to attend. Also, stay tuned for more information that will be coming out on this topic, specific to MDM criteria and utilization of time

New BWC Provider Numbers: BWC has issued new provider numbers for Ohio BWC certified providers. Previously, SSNs were used to create provider numbers. To avoid the continued use of sensitive information like a SSN, a new random number has been assigned to each provider.

Providers that are eligible to receive a NPI, should continue to use their NPI for all billing and reimbursement. They can use either their NPI or new provider number on BWC forms. MCOs are programming their system to adjudicate bills based on NPI or new

provider numbers.

If you continue use your old provider number, it should not be denied, however, any communication you receive from BWC or MCOs will contain your new number not the old. If you need to look up your new provider, click here.

BWC put out an update on this topic in the October BWC newsletter. To learn more about the new BWC provider numbers and how to use them going forward, click here.

2021 OSCA District Director Elections

This year, the OSCA had elections for all even OSCA districts. As none of the elections were contested, no district had to vote. We are incredibly thankful to those who did step up and help their districts. District Directors volunteer their time to support the OSCA and we couldn't be more thankful to them!

Your district directors are a great resource! They are up to date on everything going on at the OSCA and run local district meetings! If you do not know who your district director is, click here. They would love to hear from you!

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