

Arkansas Workers' Compensation Commission

May 1, 2017

Notice of Public Hearing and Rule Making

Pursuant to the Arkansas Workers' Compensation Law codified at Ark. Code Ann. § 11-9-101 et seq., notice is hereby given that the Arkansas Workers' Compensation Commission (Commission) is proposing to create a new rule, Rule 099.41, Arkansas Workers' Compensation Drug Formulary. This rule is a drug formulary for all FDA approved drugs prescribed for an accepted new workers' compensation claim filed after September 1, 2017. This rule establishes a process for filling workers' compensation prescriptions, reviewing and prescribing Opioid medications, and implements a dispute resolution process between a provider and the reviewing pharmacists or PBM, a process for appealing to the AWCC, a process for rule review and establishes the effective date of implementation. The proposed rule may be viewed in its entirety on the Commission's website, www.awcc.state.ar.us, or at the Commission's offices in Little Rock (complete address shown below).

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 23, 2017 beginning at 1:00 P.M. in hearing room 1W06, on the first floor of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality building, 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, Arkansas. Oral and written comments will be considered at the hearing.

Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 11-9-205, the Commission allows 45 days for written public comment through 4:30 P.M. Wednesday, June 14, 2017. Written comments may be submitted by postal mail to the Arkansas Workers' Compensation Commission, P.O. Box 950, 4th & Spring Streets, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-0950, by fax to 501-682-2786, or by e-mail to rulecomments@awcc.state.ar.us.