

4123-6-04.5 MCO scope of services - bureau claims management.

- (A) Upon receipt of notification of a workers' compensation claim, the bureau shall assign a claim number and shall notify the employee, employer and MCO of that claim number. The bureau shall determine the compensability of the claim and the allowed conditions of the claim pursuant to the provisions of section 4123.511 of the Revised Code. The bureau will notify all parties and the MCO of the allowed conditions in the claim.

- (B) Upon referral from an MCO of a medical treatment reimbursement request in an inactive claim as provided in rule 4123-3-15 of the Administrative Code, the bureau will determine, after considering the MCO's recommendation, both the causal relationship between the original injury and the current incident precipitating a medical treatment reimbursement request and the necessity and appropriateness of the requested treatment. The bureau will notify all parties and the MCO of its determination.

The employer or employee or representative may appeal the bureau's order to the industrial commission pursuant to section 4123.511 of the Revised Code.

- (C) The bureau shall not make medical payments in a disallowed claim or for conditions not allowed in a claim until permitted to do so under the provisions of section 4123.511 of the Revised Code or except as provided by the rehabilitation rules of Chapter 4123-18 of the Administrative Code. The bureau shall notify all parties and the MCO when a claim or conditions are allowed or disallowed and indicate whether treatment rendered therefore may or may not be paid.

- (D) During the adjudication process, the provider may continue to render or the MCO may continue to manage medical services on behalf of the employee, but the bureau shall not pay for medical services in a disallowed claim or for disallowed conditions. If the claim or condition is disputed, the MCO shall inform the employee and the provider that the services provided may not be covered by workers' compensation and may be the responsibility of the employee.

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