



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 4123-18-11 Incentive payments to employers who hire or retain injured workers who have completed a rehabilitation program.

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The bureau, as a means of encouraging employers to retain, rehire, or hire injured workers who have successfully completed a prescribed rehabilitation program, may make payments to employers from the surplus fund established by section 4123.34 of the Revised Code.

(A) The payments will be negotiated with the employer and based upon a written agreement signed by the employer and the injured worker and approved by the bureau. The basis for such negotiation will be:

- (1) The nature of the disability of the injured worker as determined by the bureau;
- (2) The relationship of the disability to the job duties; and
- (3) The individual merits of the case.

(B) The period(s) of such payment will not exceed six months in the aggregate, unless the bureau determines that the injured worker would benefit from an extension of payments.

(C) Payments under this rule are made directly to the employer on a monthly basis, provided the employer is a complying employer in the state in which it is subject to workers' compensation coverage . However, a self-insuring employer is not eligible for payments under this rule in any claim in which a self-insuring employer is the employer of record.

(D) Payments may be made to out-of-state employers who are not subject to the workers' compensation laws of Ohio if a reasonable but unsuccessful effort has been made to secure employment for the injured worker within Ohio.

(E) The bureau may make incentive payments from the surplus fund to an employer where the employer offers the injured worker paid transitional work activities at the employer's worksite and



the injured worker has completed medical rehabilitation services and has successfully satisfied vocational rehabilitation readiness criteria. An injured worker meets vocational rehabilitation readiness criteria when the injured worker has been officially referred for vocational rehabilitation, is medically stable, and has a significant impediment to a return to full employment.