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CCWC 13TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE AGENDA

Wednesday, July 22, 2015

8:00 am – 5:30 pm	Registration Open	Sequoia West Registration
8:00 am - 10:00 am	Exhibitor Setup	Sequoia South Ballroom & Foyer
10:30 am – 11:30 am	Pre-Conference Session: Legislative Primer	Trillium Room
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Meet the Exhibitors	Sequoia South Ballroom & Foyer
	Welcome & Opening General Session CCWC Legislative & Political Update North vs. South Workers' Compensation Issues	Sequoia North Ballroom
2:45 pm – 3:15 pm	Networking Break in the Expo Sponsored by ALPHA Fund	Sequoia South Ballroom
	Concurrent Sessions I Litigation Management MSAs: Surviving CMS Inconsistency and Intangibility Talkin' about My Generation — Bridging the Generation Gap in the Workplace Sponsored by Harrison and Geiger, LLP	Trillium Room Sorrel Room Wisteria Room
	 General Session Kids' Chance of California Presentation Love, People, and Pain – Staying Motivated Against All Odds 	Sequoia North Ballroom
5:15 pm – 6:45 pm	Welcome Reception & Expo Sponsored by the Law Offices of Stacy L. Tokunaga	Sequoia South Ballroom

Thursday, July 23, 2015

7:30 am — 8:20 am	Networking Breakfast in the Expo Sponsored by Republic Capital Claims New & Prospective Member Breakfast Sponsored by The Walt Disney Company	Sequoia Ballroom Foyer Wisteria Room
8:30 am – 9:20 am	General SessionUpdate from the Department of Industrial RelationTim East Award Presentation	Sequoia North Ballroom s
9:30 am – 10:30 am	 Concurrent Sessions II Effective Communication with the Physician Accommodations Under FEHA/ADA and Managing Multiple Leaves Under FTA/FMLA What is a Formulary and How Does a State-Adopted Formulary Work for You? 	Wisteria Room Sorrel Room Trillium Room

10:30 am – 10:45 am	Refreshment Break Sponsored by Cuneo, Black, Ward & Missler	Sequoia South Ballroom
10:45 am – 11:45 am	 Concurrent Sessions III How to Properly Assess Requests for Home Health Care through UR and IMR Tele-Medicine and Its Effect on MPN Workers' Compensation Abuse – Even When It's Legal Sponsored by Bickmore 	Sorrel Room Wisteria Room Trillium Room
11:45 am – 1:05 pm	Lunch & Expo	
1:15 pm – 2:15 pm	 Concurrent Sessions IV Case Law, Part I To C&R or Not to C&R – When the Employee Returns to Work Psychiatric/Stress Claims – How Not to Go Crazy Just Because Your Employee Did 	Trillium Room Sorrel Room Wisteria Room
2:15 pm – 2:30 pm	Refreshment Break Sponsored by Metro Risk Management	Sequoia North Ballroom
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	 Concurrent Sessions V Case Law, Part II Medical Treatment Utilization Schedule (MTUS) Pharmacology, Medical Marijuana, and Medication Management Sponsored by One Call Medical 	Trillium Room Wisteria Room Sorrel Room
3:40 pm – 5:00 pm	General Session Workers' Compensation Political Crossfire	Sequoia North Ballroom
5:00 pm – 5:15 pm	Vendor Raffles	Sequoia North Ballroom
5:15 pm – 6:00 pm	Exhibitor Teardown	Sequoia South Ballroom & Foyer
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm	Members-Only Reception Sponsored by Bolen & Massino	House of Blues, Downtown Disney
Friday, July 24, 2	2015	
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Networking Breakfast	Sequoia Ballroom
9:00 am – 10:00 am	General Session The State of Workers' Compensation Costs	Sequoia North Ballroom
10:00 am — 11:15 am	 Closing General Session China Today – Workers' Compensation Is Born in the World's Oldest Country CCWC Grand Prize Raffles 	Sequoia North Ballroom

PRE-CONFERENCE SESSION



Legislative Primer

Wednesday, July 22, 10:30 am Trillium Room

CCWC's legislative advocate will educate attendees on the basics of the legislative process and provide information on the best ways to participate in the process.

Jason Schmelzer, Legislative Advocate, CCWC

GENERAL SESSIONS

CCWC Legislative and Political Update

Wednesday, July 22, 12:30 pm Sequoia North Ballroom





CCWC's advocacy team will provide an update on California politics as it relates to workers' compensation. They will also present a review of 2015 bills that affect the industry, offering information regarding the positions that the CCWC has taken on them.

Paul J. Yoder, Managing Director, CCWC Jason Schmelzer, Legislative Advocate, CCWC

California's Workers' Compensation — North vs. South

Wednesday, July 22, 1:45 pm Sequoia North Ballroom

Join this lively discussion among experts about workers' compensation in Northern and Southern California. What are the differences so many refer to, and why do the discrepancies exist when legislation, regulations, and case law are the same for all?







Alfonso J. Moresi, Commissioner, Workers' Compensation Appeals
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Industrial Relations, Division of Workers' Compensation
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Kids' Chance of California Presentation

Wednesday, July 22, 4:25 pm Sequoia North Ballroom

When workers are seriously or fatally injured on the job in California, their children are victims, as well. Learn how you can make a difference in their lives

Maria Henderson, President, Kids' Chance of California



Love, People, and Pain – Staying Motivated against All Odds

Wednesday, July 22, 4:35 pm Sequoia North Ballroom

A double amputee shares his personal journey over the past five years. He will address the challenges of overcoming physical and mental obstacles in a quest to return to a normal life and resume work.

Dwight Johnson, Founder, Soule Innovations, LLC

Update from the Department of Industrial Relations

Thursday, July 23, 8:30 am Sequoia North Ballroom

The Secretary of the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency and the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations will provide an update on the implementation of SB 863 and discuss other issues that are relevant to workers' compensation stakeholders.





David Lanier, Secretary, California Labor and Workforce Development Agency Christine Baker, Director, Department of Industrial Relations

Workers' Compensation Political Crossfire

Thursday, July 23, 3:40 pm Sequoia North Ballroom

CCWC welcomes key lobbyists for a thoughtful discussion about the state of the California workers' compensation system. Seasoned advocates will discuss legislation currently under consideration in Sacramento, the status of SB 863 implementation, and the need for additional reforms in the future.











MODERATOR: Kevin Confetti, CCWC Board Chair; Deputy Chief Risk Officer, University of California — Office of the President — Office of Risk Services Jeremy Merz, Policy Advocate, California Chamber of Commerce Diane Przepiorski, Executive Director, California Orthopaedic Association Richie Ross, Political Consultant, California Applicants' Attorneys Association Jason Schmelzer, Legislative Advocate, CCWC

The State of Workers' Compensation Costs

Friday, July 24, 9:00 am Sequoia North Ballroom



This session will look at the big financial picture of workers' compensation, the underlying and emerging trends, and what it means for your bottom line.

Mujtaba Datoo, ACAS, MAAA, FCA, Actuarial Practice Leader, Aon Risk Solutions, Global Risk Consulting, Actuarial & Analytics

China Today — Workers' Compensation Is Born in the World's Oldest Country

Friday, July 24, 10:00 am Sequoia North Ballroom



For the past 10 years, China has emerged as a dominant economic and political power. Yet the country's workers' compensation system is only that old, becoming widely mandated in 2004. Learn what is taking shape in one of the world's most populous nations and how workers' compensation compares to our experience in California and the United States.

Tim East, Director, Corporate Risk Management, The Walt Disney Company

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Litigation Management — An Employer's Perspective to Reduce Exposure and Costs

Trillium Room

The costs associated with defending litigated claims can represent 8-10% of your claim expense. However, the cost impact on your overall claim program is significantly greater. For many, litigated claims represent less than 20% of their annual claim frequency while the total cost of these claims representing more than 75% of their program costs. Join us to learn how one employer directly impacted their program with real-life approaches you can incorporate in your program.

Steve Beussink, AutoZone, Inc. Gregory McKenna, Gallagher Bassett

MSAs — Surviving CMS Inconsistency and Intangibility

Sorrel Room

This session will provide an overview of the situations in which an MSA is needed, when it should be submitted to CMS, and how to navigate the process of successfully gaining CMS approval. Conditional payments and the benefits of professional administration will also be discussed. In addition, the session will focus on strategies for settling claims without CMS approval, and will address the potential future liabilities facing self-insured employers and insurers

MODERATOR: Antoinette Smith, Metro Risk Management Saul Allweiss, Law Office of Saul Allweiss Jake Reason, EK Health Tommy Thorton, Carl Allison

Talkin' about My Generation — Bridging the Generation Gap in the Workplace

Wisteria Room

This session will explore the benefits of the multi-generational workplace and examine strategies to bridge the age difference for better relationships and increased productivity. Brenda McGuire, ALPHA Fund

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Effective Communication with the Physician — Picking Your Battles to Get through Consideration and an Admissible Response

Wisteria Room

This session will focus on how best to present information – such as records, video, problems, or evidence of prior/subsequent injury – and pose treatment and/or medication questions to the PTP to secure a response.

Taha M. Ahmad, MD, Kaiser Melvin Belsky, MD, Safeway, Inc. Alan Kaisler-Meza, MD, Rehab One

Accommodations under FEHA/ADA and Managing Multiple Leaves under CFRA/FMLA—New Developments, Practical Information, and Advice for Employers

Sorrel Room

Patricia S. Eyres, an expert attorney and consultant to large public and private employers, will present a practical and interactive session providing a refresher and update on what is required of employers to comply with the laws that govern leaves and disabilities. In addition to sharing recent significant case decisions and new regulations, she will offer real and challenging case examples to engage the audience in the discussion of potential solutions.

Patricia S. Eyres, Eyres Law Group, LLP

What Is a Formulary and How Does a State-Adopted Formulary Work for You?

Trillium Room

A clinical pharmacist will discuss formularies and how they work, including the impact on UR/IMR and anticipated reductions in IMR. Questions addressed will include: Does a DIR-adopted formulary mean no more UR/IMR, or is it now limited and how? How will a state-adopted formulary affect your existing formulary? What formulary would best serve the stakeholders in California and why?

MODERATOR: Karen Caterino, Healthcare Solutions Bernyce Peplowski, MD, US Healthworks Alex Swedlow, CWCI Brenda Wood, PharmD, Healthcare Solutions

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How to Properly Assess Requests for Home Health Care through UR and IMR

Sorrel Room

This informative session will cover a variety of topics, including responding to requests for home health care, applying best practices, and requiring physicians to quantify the nature and extent of the HHC and demonstrate the medical necessity. Additional areas of focus will include the timely submission of requests for HHC to UR, the need for complete documentation in response to requests for IMR, and appropriate reimbursement rates. Challenges presented by recent WCAB decisions in Neri-Hernandez and Patterson will also be discussed.

Saul Allweiss, Law Offices of Saul Allweiss Cathey Jackson, Safeway

Tele-Medicine and Its Effect on MPN

Wisteria Room

Technological innovation in the world of workers' compensation is the wave of the future. This session will explore how physicians will interact with your injured employees through the use of high-resolution cameras and computer systems without your employees ever leaving the work site.

Laurence Miller, MD, Anthem Healthcare

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Workers' Compensation Abuse - Even When It's Legal

Trillium Room

This moderated session will focus on workers' compensation abuse. The speakers will distinguish abuse from fraud, recommend strategies for handling claims and managing employees when certain red flags are present, and illustrate current trends through real-life examples.

MODERATOR: Mark Walls, Safety National
Steven J. Alves, Law Office of Steven J. Alves
Bill Armstrong, Armstrong Law Firm
Dalene Bartholomew, Probe Information Services, Inc.
Jennifer Lentz Snyder, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

CONCURRENT SESSIONS IV Thursday, July 23, 1:15 pm - 2:15 pm

Case Law. Part I

Trillium Room

This session will focus on the latest and most impactful decisions at the board and present how both defense and applicant attorneys view them.

Jamie Berenson, Glauber/Berenson Rene Folse, Floyd, Skeren & Kelly Todd Kelly, Floyd, Skeren & Kelly

To C&R or Not to C&R — When the Employee Returns to Work

Sorrel Room

Is it cost effective to settle future medical claims via Compromise and Release with employees who return to work? What impact does it have on the injured worker? Arguments both for and against will be presented on this moderated panel.

MODERATOR: Michael Sullivan, Sullivan & Associates, LLC

Kristi Montoya, UPS

Debra Russell, Schools Insurance Authority

Psychiatric/Stress Claims — How Not to Go Crazy Just Because Your Employee Did

Wisteria Room

This session addresses the interplay between medical and legal issues in defense and the timely resolution of psychiatric claims.

MODERATOR: John Riggs, The Walt Disney Company

David C. Hall, PhD, David C. Hall

Marc Leibowitz, Laughlin, Falbo, Levy & Moresi, LLP

$\begin{array}{c} \textbf{CONCURRENT SESSIONS V} & \textbf{Thursday, July 23, 2:30 pm} - 3:30 \text{ pm} \\ \end{array}$

Case Law, Part II

Trillium Room

This one-hour session will review the most important case decisions issued in 2014. Some of the cases discussed involve the continuing interpretation and implementation of the workers' compensation reforms of 2012.

William Anderson, State Compensation Insurance Fund Eric S. Boorstin, Horvitz & Levy LLP Julius O. Young, Boxer & Gerson, LLP

Medical Treatment Utilization Schedule (MTUS)

Wisteria Room

What is the meaning of the new regulations to improve medical provider communications, utilization review efficiencies, and medical treatment outcomes? This panel will present the potential impact of standard of care with the new MTUS regulations.

Denise Algire, Safeway, Inc.
Laurence Miller, MD, Anthem Healthcare

Pharmacology, Medical Marijuana, and Medication Management

Sorrel Room

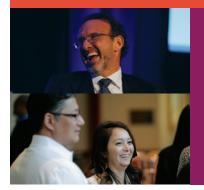
The panel will present the legal, medical, and workplace implications of medical marijuana prescriptions.

Doug Bloch, Teamsters Joint Council 7 Edward Canavan, Sedgwick CMS Mark Pew. PRIUM

Member Lounge

While attending the conference, be sure to stop by the Member Lounge in the Lily Room. Amenities include Internet access, comfortable seating, and snacks. Get some work done or simply unwind with fellow members in a casual, relaxed atmosphere.



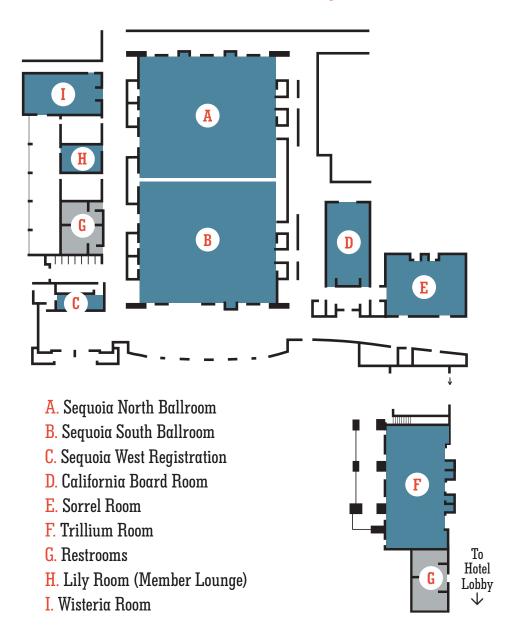


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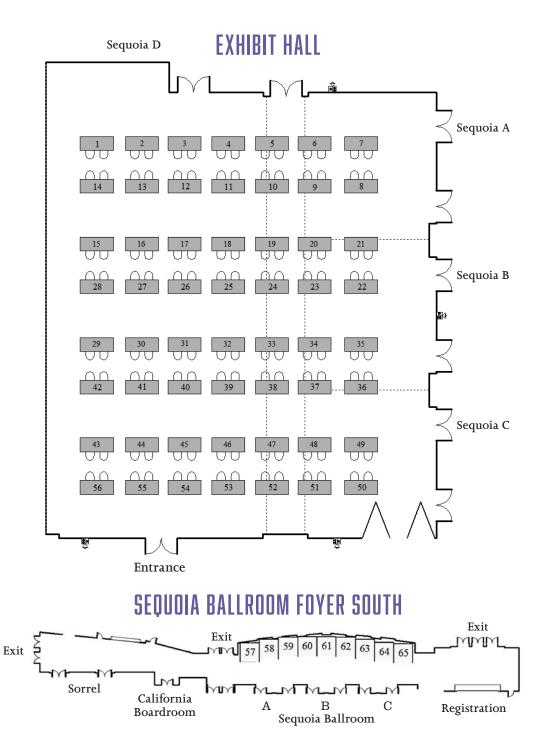
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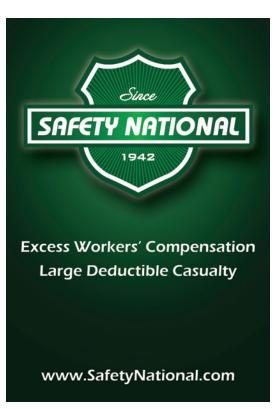
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